WEATHER.

Fair Tuesday; Wednesday probably rain.

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MANY ITEMS left in stock after the Holidays will go well, if judiciously advertised just now. Clearance sales are popular.

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AMERICAN RAILROADS REACH PROSPERITY'S PEAK IN OPERATIONS

Net Income for Year More Than One-Third Higher Than in Former Banner Year of 1913.

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Eastern Roads Lead in Revenue Per Mile, With Southern Roads Following Second.

ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS

Americans Travelling More and Farther Than Ever Before.

Washington, Dec. 25. — More than one billion dollars net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing. The huge total is the peak of prosperity in railroad operations, and stands more than one-third higher than the total of 1913, hitherto the banner year. Eastern roads led in revenue per mile, with Southern roads next.

Statistics gathered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, cover for nine months, and made the basis for the entire year, indicate that the total income from operations will be approximately $1,[illegible]0,000. For the first nine months of the year, complete returns show $785,558,266. Even this does not reach the full amount as roads whose income is less than $1,000,000 are not included.

Analysis of the Returns.

The estimate of $1,098,000,000 makes no allowance for normal increase in business during the last three months of the year.

Analysis of the returns for the first nine months shows a startling increase from January 1 to September, amounting to more than 67 per cent. Thus, net income in January, $64,915,286, had amounted to $107,910,814 in September.

For the first nine months of the year the commission's figures show that the railroads collected $2,654,829,647 from all sources of operation, the chief items of which were as follows:

Freight, $1,876,019,990; passenger traffic, $522,103,907; mails, $45,348,609; from express companies, $65,089,474; incidentals, $60,414,597; and all other transportation charges, $76,087,611. This total will reach $3,600,640,502, when the year closes, officials estimate, and without doubt will exceed it. Never before in the history of railroad operations have the roads had so great a gross income.

Expenses have not kept pace with the rapid rise in receipts. From a total of $182,881,269 in January, expenses had increased to $203,235,394 in September, approximately 11 per cent. During that period receipts had increased from $260,054,206 to $324,954,301, approximately 25 per cent. All operating expenses totaled $1,744,160,022.

Net Revenue From Operation.

On the same basis, the year's expenses will approximate $2,346,066,990, leaving net revenue from operation, $1,254,572,512. From the last figure, however, must be deducted the railroads' annual tax bill, approximately $155,625,846, and bad debts approximating $965,928, a total of $156,591,474.

About 230,500 miles of railroad were in operation during the year, and returns show that for every mile of road operated in the country the railroads will receive this year approximately $15,635 in gross receipts and a net income of $4,774.

Compared with previous earnings, net income for 1916 shows an increase of more than 52 per cent over the first year of 1915; 59 per cent over 1914, and 34 per cent over 1913.

Divergence in Sections.

Wide divergence in receipts among the roads of various sections is disclosed. The over-burdened railroads of the East have skimmed the cream of the traffic. The congestion at eastern seaports and on almost every eastern road has spelled, in glutted sidings and slow moving traffic, a flood of revenue the like of which was undreamed of even a year ago. For every mile of the 59,200 in the Eastern group more than $20,000 has been received in revenue; and every mile has earned a net income of nearly $5,900.

Eastern roads have received almost as much in passenger fares as all the rest of the roads in the country put together, with a total of 170,800 miles.

Roads in South Prosperous.

The railroads of the South, with 42,600 miles, come next to those of the East in revenue per mile, with $11,922, about 53 per cent of what the Eastern received. Net income on Southern roads was approximately $3,500 per mile. On Western roads, the revenue per mile was approximately $11,217, with net income of $3,614. The Western roads, however, show a greater income, in proportion to receipts. Percentage of net income to gross receipts was:

For the entire country, approximate-

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WILSON HAS "ALL AMERICAN" DINNER

Concludes Christmas Celebration by Entertaining Many Relatives and Friends.

DELUGED WITH MESSAGES

Telegrams and Letters Come From All Over America and Abroad, Many Wishing for Peace—Government Departments Closed.

Washington, Dec. 25—President Wilson concluded his Christmas celebration at the White House tonight with a dinner at which he entertained a large group of relatives and friends. It was an "all American" dinner with delicacies from many parts of the country, sent to the President as Christmas presents.

After spending the morning with Josephine Cothran, his small grand niece, and other relatives about a huge Christmas tree in the White House library, the President took a walk through the residential section of the city with Mrs. Wilson and directed the distribution of candy and toys to small children in Virginia who wave to him daily when he goes to golf.

The White House was deluged with telegrams and letters from all over the United States and from abroad, wishing Mr. Wilson a merry Christmas. Many of the messages spoke of hope for peace in Europe. Because Congress is in recess, the President will have few engagements during the remainder of the week.

The government departments remained closed, and members of the cabinet, diplomats and other officials spent Christmas quietly with relatives and friends. Most of the members of the Senate and House were at their homes for the day.

NEW YORK BOUNTIFULLY FED REMEMBERS THE WAR-RACKED

New York, Dec. 25.—Although New York enjoyed its most bountiful Christmas in its history, thousands of persons who crowded the churches today were not forgetful of those in the war-racked countries of Europe. Beginning with a solemn high mass in St. Patrick's cathedral, celebrated by Cardinal Farley, special services not only were held in all Roman Catholic churches, but in the churches of other denominations at which prayers were said for a speedy termination of the world war.

The city authorities, working in conjunction with many charitable and religious organizations, provided on a scale hitherto unknown for the comforts and welfare of the poor, and it wa asserted tonight that all homeless and forsakep persons had been supplied at least with shelter for the day and a real Christmas dinner.

The Salvation Army, Volunteers of

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JEWISH CONGRESS TO MEET AT WASHINGTON

Heated Meeting of Executive Committee in New York.

Nathan Straus Elected Permanent Chairman as a Compromise Candidate—Adolph Kraus, Louis Marshall Candidates

New York, Dec. 25.—After a heated meeting here tonight of the executive committee of 146 for an American-Jewish congress Nathan Straus was elected permenent chairman as a compromise candidate. Washington was chosen as the place for the holding of the forthcoming Jewish congress. The date probably will be not later than May 1 next, this being left to an administrative committee.

At the meeting tonight, the first of the executive committee thus far held, two factions, representing opposite views as to the purpose of the forthcoming congress, called for a vote on their strength. Several lively tilts occurred between the members when the nominating committee recommended Adolph Kraus, grand master of the Independent Order B'Nai B' Rith, to be perament chairman.

A minority report submitted by Cyrus L. Sulzeberger, of New York, "deplored the fact that the committee had decided to nominate as permanent chairman a man who is at the head of an international secret order." The reading of this report caused an uproar in the hall. In the confusion Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, took the chair and implored the members to forget "petty differences".

Mr. Kraus denied that his organization is a secret one and added that the rituals had been forwarded to the Russian and other governments. He

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS UNABLE TO MUFFLE ANGRY GUNS' ROAR

But Day Sent a Throb of Cheer to All the British Armies in Battle Lines of France.

JUBILANT DINNER FOR ALL

However, Grim and Determined War Went Forward as Relentlessly as on Other Days.

(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 25, via London, 6:45 p. m.—Christmas has sent a throb of good cheer to all the British armies in the battle lines of France and wherever a British soldier ate his Christmas dinner today, whether in the front fire trenches or in the secluded security of the reserve camps, enthusastic toasts were offered to king and empire and the coming new year, which Britons confidently believe will bring victory to the Entente allied cause.

The soldiers from overseas, the Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans, drank somewhat wistfully to the folks at home, but soon shook away any tendency to home sickness in the sturdy work of war, for war, grim and determined, went forward today as relentlessly as yesterday and as it will tomorrow.

The Christmas carols which rose up from all parts of the world were not far-reaching enough this year to muffle the roar of angry guns or shut out the unceasing song of flying shells.

Bounteous Spread for All

It was a Christmas of bounteous plenty along the British front and the soldiers in the field were joyously in[illegible]one from the three-course dinners prescribed for the British Isles. Each individual company of the vast organizations had a jubilant Christmas spread and there was much rivalry in the elaborateness of the camp menus.

The members of the various companies pooled the assets, both edible and monetary, and the canteens and small French shops which persist and prosper in the war zone were called on for all the sweets and delicacies. Mess halls were splendidly decorated, in many instances with holly and mistletoe and paper flowers made by the soldiers themselves, many of the flowers being worked into Christmas mottos.

Countless Entertainments

At various places along the lines bands visited the mess halls, giving concerts for the soldiers. The Young Men's Christian Association and other organizations arranged countless entertainments and special programmes prevailed in the movie halls and soldiers' theatres, most of the latter being battered French barns, with the shell holes barricaded against the wintry blasts and the noises of battle raging not far away.

Every British soldier had his individual plum pudding, this particularly

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FAMILY OF SEVEN IN LOUISINA BUTCHERED

Husband, Wife and Young Child Killed; Others Carved.

Three Heavily Manacled Negroes Imprisoned in Guarded Jail After All-Day Search by Posse in Isolated Section.

Minden, La., Dec. 25.—After an all-day search through isolated sections of Webster parish, members of a posse, formed this morning to search for the murderers of John N. Reeves, his wife and young child, tonight arrived here with three heavily manacled negroes. The prisoners were placed in separate cells in the parish jail here, and a special armed guard of deputies was stationed about the building to prevent threatened mob violence.

First reports of the tragedy were received early today at a farm house near the Reeves home. A seven-year-old boy partly dressed rushed into the farm house at dawn and said: "All of the Reeves family are killed." Other neighbors were summoned. When the party entered the Reeves home they found Reeves dead in bed, deep wounds, apparently inflicted with an axe, covering his body. Before the fireplace in another room was the 11-year-old boy, unconscious. Still clutched in the arms of the older boy was his 15-months-old brother, badly cut and bruised. In a third room was the five-year-old boy. He also was cut and bruised.

Neatly arranged on a pine board table were the simple Christmas presents which before retiring the parents evidently had placed there to surprise the children in the morning.

After searching the rooms of the house the party went to the rear yard

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WOMAN MAYOR OF CITY OF UMATILLA, OREGON

The unique honor and distinction of being the only woman mayor of a city in the United States belongs to Mrs. E. E. Starcher, who has just been elected to that high office at Umatilla, Ore., and what is more, she defeated her husband, who also was running. The feminines have it in Umatilla. They have been elected to all other offices in the city government, including four seats in the council, recorder, and treasurer. In response to a query asking her views, Mrs. Starcher replied that she "favored no particular features more than a rigid enforcement of the law and a general curtailment of expense." These are the sentiments of the new government and it is expected that the ladies will make a successful go of it and receive the support and help the "mere men" whom they defeated at the election.

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PORTUGUESE STEAMER FARO MYSTIFIES AMERICAN CREW.

Steamer Acts Peculiarly When Encountered Off Diamond Shoals.

New York, Dec. 25.—The officers and crew of the American steamer Sucrosa, which arrived today from Tuxpam, Mexico, were mystified by the peculiar actions of a vessel encountered on the voyage, which they identified as the Portuguese steamer Faro, of Lisbon, last reported leaving New Orleans December 18 for Newport News and Gibraltar. The Faro was formerly the German steamship Galata, one of the German vessels interned in Portuguese ports at the outbreak of the war and later seized by the Portugues.

The Sucrosa, her officers said today, encountered the Faro just at dusk, December 23, about 60 miles south of Diamond Shoals lightship, which is off Cape Hatteras. She steamed across the Sucrosa's bow, then circling, crossed astern and disappeared in the darkness. Her name was indiscernible then, but the next day, yesterday, at noon, the same steamer appeared and repeated the performance. This time the name "Faro, Lisbon," was distinguished on her stern. She steamed away southeast without signalling any message to explain her action, the Sucrosa's officers said.

The Faro is registered as a ship of 2,580 gross tons, commanded by Captain Azinedo.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 25.—The Portuguese steamer Faro arrived here this morning from New Orleans. She is anchored in Hampton Roads and the master cannot be located. Immigration authorities who boarded the steamer noticed nothing amiss with her. The customs officers have not boarded the Faro. Marine men here are unable to account for the reported actions of the Faro. The steamer is here for bunker coal. Captain Ozevado, master of the Faro, speaks no English.

FIRST MEMORIAL SERVICE TO WOMAN SUFFRAGIST IN CAPITOL

Tribute Paid to Inez Millholland—Throngs Had to be Barred.

Washington, Dec. 25. — Memorial services for a woman suffragist were held in the capitol today for the first time. Members of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage gathered in Statuary Hall, by permission of Speaker Clark, to pay tribute to the late Inez Millholland-Boissevain, and such a crowd tried to join them that the police had to bar the entrances. The hall and its galleries were packed before the programme began.

Forming in the House office building, the suffrage leaders, with girls carrying banners of suffrage colors, and choir boys, led by Miss Alice Paul, national chairman of the Congressional Union, marched across to the capitol. Miss Paul bore a banner that Miss Millholland carried as a girl, in 1910, in the first suffrage parade held in this country. Close behind Miss Paul came Miss Lucy Burns, of Brooklyn, with a banner inscribed: "As He Died to Make Men Holy, Let Us Die to Make Men Free."

Five speakers: Senator Southerland, of Utah; Miss Ann Martin, of Nevada; Rowland B. Mahany, of New York, and Miss Maud Younger and Mrs. William Kent, of California, delivered addresses. In a resolution unanimously adopted, President Wilson was urged to act for universal suffrage, "so that by her death Inez Millholland shall have delivered from the sacrifice of life her countrywomen."

As the audience was filing from the hall, to the strains of the Marseillaise, a spectator began singing the song loudly in French. His booming voice reverberated through the deserted capitol corridors until the last note had been sounded by the orchestra.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—With 466 marines of the Haitien expeditionary force aboard, including 29 officers and privates, wounded or ill, the United States transport Hancock reached here today from San Domingo and Haiti. Among the injured, although not seriously hurt, was Major. J. A. Hughes, U. S. M. C., who was hit by a sniper's bullet. The Hancock will return to Haiti within a week.

EVERY MAN IN PERSHING'S PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IS REMEMBERED ON CHRISTMAS

Day Celebrated in Fashion Never to be Forgotten by the U. S. Soldiers in Mexico—More Than 10,000 Packages Received, Their Value Said to Average Between $2 and $3—Choir of 7,500 Voices Sing Christmas Carols.

Field Headquarters, American Punitive Expedition in Mexico, by wireless to Columbus, N. M., Dec. 25.—Every man in the punitive expedition, from mule driver to major general, received a present today, the 255th day the troops have spent in Mexico. The folks "at home" forgot nobody and Christmas was celebrated in a fashion that carried out General Pershing's wish that the day might never be forgotten by those held through unimaginable hardships in pursuit of the Columbus raiders.

At every lonely water hole and pass where troops are stationed, gifts were presented and the day observed in true holiday style. More than 10,000 packages were distributed, their value averaging, according to the Christmas committee, between $2 and $3 each.

At field headquarters, where the greatest number of troops are camped, an elaborate celebration was held, beginning in the morning, when the bands played carols instead of the bugles sounding reveille, and lasting until taps, when the throng about the Christmas tree began to break up. The daylight programme was given over to athletic events, including polo and football games, pony express, slow mule and shoe races and a scramble for a greased pig. Dinner, which the cooks had been preparing for days, was a feast not to be regarded lightly.

Climax of Celebration.

Around the 60-foot Christmas tree in the center of the camp, the climax of the celebration took place shortly before 7 P. M. As the various organizations marched to assigned places some distance from the tree, there was scarcely a sound and no gleam of light, except for the stars that seemed fairly to snap in a clear sky. Suddenly there was a dull boom, a stream of sparks and the camp was illuminated by a huge ball of fire which seemed to fall from the sky, while the trench flare blazed its way toward earth.

The regiments marched to points around "the Star of Bethlehem" that surrounded the tree. When all had reached their posts, the flares faded and the tree itself sprang into the light, its branches dotted with hundreds of incandescent lamps and the American flag, waving 20 feet above the topmost branch, illuminated by rays from the headlights of a score of motor trucks.

American Ingenuity.

The tree itself, standing in the center of a six pointed star, outlined by a hedge of fir branches, was an example of American ingenuity. There are no big trees anywhere near camp, but one 64-foot fir in the center of six smaller ones, makes an impressive tree with cone-like proportions. These trees were hauled three miles from canons west of camp in 18 motor trucks.

At each corner of the star, there stood a small tree. When the troops had assembled, the chorus of 400 sang "Joy to the World," to the accompaniment of the massed bands. Chaplain J. C. Moore, of the Seventh cavalry, then delivered a brief prayer, the concourse, led by the band and chorus, chanted the Lord's prayer, the 7,500

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FIGHTING IS HEAVY ON RUMANIA FRONT

Virtually Only Artillery Active on British and French Fronts on Christmas Day.

RUSSIANS LOSE A HEIGHT

Mackensen Begins Attack on Bridgehead of Matchin After Capturing Isaklshe—British Rout the Turks—Macedonia Quiet.

The third Christmas of the European war passed without much fighting on the British and French fronts, where virtually only the artillery was active and the men were feasted and entertained as far as compatible with the sterner business of war.

Rumania's first Christmas as a participant in the war witnessed heavy fighting on the Rumania front.

Ground was yielded by the Rumanians at some points under the pressure of the Germans, and north of Buzeau-Rimnik road, a height was lost by the Russians.

In the northwest corner of Dobrudja province, the sector to which the Russo-Rumanians' retreat has taken them, the army of Field Marshal von Mackensen has begun to attack the bridgehead of Matchin after Isakishe, on the eastern bank of the Danube, was captured. In addition to announcing the evacuation of Isakishe, the Russians admit the occupation of Tultcha.

British mounted troops, with the cooperation of aircraft, carried a strong position at Maghdaba, 20 miles distant from El Arish, which was captured on Thursday. Incomplete reports, says the statement from London, show that 1,130 prisoners were captured and a large quantity of arms and war material taken. Heavy casualties were suffered by the Turks.

The Russians claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Austro-Germans when the latter attempted to recapture heights occupied by the Russians on Sunday in the wooded Carpathians.

Macedonia, except for an artillery struggle, is void of momentous activity. The same is true generally of the Austro-Italian theatre, except for the Julian front, where even such operations have been prevented by mist.

Two British destroyers have been sunk in a collision in the North Sea. Fifty-five officers and men were lost.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN MINISTER TO BE REPLACED IS REPORT

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Dec. 25.—The Austro-Hungarian minister of war, General Ritter von Krobatin, is to be replaced by Field Marshal von Schleyer, according to a Vienna report published in the Vossische Zeitung and given out by the Overseas News Agency.

MACKENSEN'S DOBRUDJA ARMY HAS BEGUN A NEW ATTACK.

Berlin, Dec. 25. (via wireless to Sayville)—Field Marshal von Mackensen's Dobrudja army, after capturing Isakatcha on the Danube, has begun an attack on the bridgehead of Matchin on the northwestern corner of Dobrudja province to which the Russo-Rumanian forces have retreated, army

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BANK OF ENGLAND IS CORRESPONDENT

Connection With Federal Reserve Bank of New York Authorized by Reserve Board.

AFTER FOREIGN BUSINESS

First Formal Step Looking to Establishment of Financial Connections Abroad to Strengthen U. S. Position as Banker.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The government today took its first formal step, through the Federal Reserve Board, looking to the establishment of financial connections abroad through which it hopes to strengthen the position of the United States as a world banker and to maintain the American dollar as the standard of exchange.

Under a section of the Federal Reserve Act, the board authorized the appointment of the Bank of England as a foreign correspondent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and announced that the 11 other reserve banks might participate in the agency relations.

Connections with other foreign governmental institutions, such as the Bank of France, is foreshadowed, officials say, by today's action. The Bank of England is the first foreign correspondent whose appointment has been authorized since the operation of the new financial system in this country.

In addition to being the first step by the governbent toward going after foreign business, it is understood that authorization of this appointment is a part of general plans for establishing financial connections that will strengthen the United States as a creditor nation in the commercial competition which probably will result when the war closes, and to provide a ready means to offset any tendency on the part of the foreign bankers to withdraw the huge supply of gold accumulated here during the war.

Radical Departure.

The action marks a radical departure from the previous financial policy of the country, inasmuch as it places the governments of the United States and Great Britain for the first time, in direct, continual financial relationship.

The first effect, it is thought, will be noticeable in transactions which might otherwise involve the exportation of gold from this country, as the connection with the Bank of England will afford a channel through which American banks can readily purchase British notes and securities to meet any tendency toward gold exportations; it also will tend, officials believe, to bring about a better feeling and understanding between the bankers of the two countries. Whether operations through the connection will be extensive, officials admit, is difficult to forecast.

The effect of the relationship will be studied carefully before similar authorizations are made in the case of other governm[illegible]-controlled banks abroad.

London [illegible] 25. — The admiralty announces t[illegible] destroyers were sunk in a collis[illegible] the North Sea on December 21, [illegible] bad weather. Six officers [illegible] nine men were lost.

CENTRAL POWERS MAY RESPOND TO WILSON'S APPEAL

His Recommendation is Meeting With Sympathetic Reception in Teutonic Official Circles.

CONFERENCE WITH KAISER

Officials Do Not Believe Note was Inspired by the Entente and Its Interests.

Berlin, Dec. 23, via London, Dec. 25.—President Wilson's note with its recommendations that the belligerents enter in some way into an exchange of views on peace terms has been the subject of continuous discussions and conferences by German diplomats and statesmen, since its delivery. Foreign Secretary Zimmermann last night dined with Emperor William, at Potsdam, and had an opportunity to learn the Kaiser's ideas on the subject.

In the discussion, a lively interchange of views is proceeding between the capitals of the Central Powers.

The note will be answered only in agreement with the Teutonic allies, but it is already evident that the recommendation is meeting with a sympathetic reception in official circles and that there is a good possibility that unless the proposal is blocked from the other side it may lead to the bringing out of a statement in some form of the Central Powers' ideas on future peace.

It has been realized from the beginning that a demand from the Entente for the publication of the Central Powers' terms as a reply to the German overtures, might lead to the placing of Germany and her allies in the unfavorable tactical position of showing their cards to an opponent whose hand was still concealed; and a disposition is manifesting itself here to regard President Wilson's proposals as offering a chance, otherwise presented only by a conference, of bringing out a simultaneous statement of conditions from both sides, without placing either at the disadvantage of making the first move.

A decision, however, apparently has not yet been reached, and the opinion that Germany may be willing to place a statement of her terms in the hands of a third party, if her opponents are willing to do the same, can only be given as that of individuals, although of fairly influential individuals. It can be stated with all positiveness, however, that the view taken by certain newspaper organs usually enrolled among pan-German advocates of "ruthlessness" is for "sweeping annexations and war to the knife."

That President Wilson's is a message inspired by the Entente and in its interests is a view not held in official circles.

On the contrary, it is felt that President Wilson's move was marked by real neutrality and inspired solely by a consideration of the United States, of neutrals in general and the peace of the world, and will be answered in that spirit.

BRITISH PREACHER IN SERMON RESENTS WILSON'S SUGGESTION

London, Dec. 25. — The dean of Westminster, the Right Rev. Herbert Edward Ryle, preaching in the Abbey today, said:

"It is our resolve, God helping us, to overthrow military brigandage in Europe, to rescue the liberties and homes of the desolated countries, to obtain for these people reparation for their wrongs, and for humanity lasting security against a recurrence of aggressive violence and crime.

"It is true that the President of the United States, after two years of study of the question, and innumerable notes, seems to believe that the object of the groups of belligerents is the same. He knows that Germany refused arbitration, declined a conference and rejected every overture to prevent war. He knows that his own countrymen have poured money like water to assist the destitute and outraged, remnants of the little Belgian people whose treaty rights were violated and whose frontiers were invaded before war was declared. He knows of the infractions of The Hague conventions which the American people have studiously promoted.

"He knows of the sinking of unarmed passenger ships, like the Lusitania and Arabia, without notice or warning. He knows of the murder of Captain Fryatt, of the nocturnal deportations of Belgians and French into slavery. He knows of German connivance at Armenian massacres.

"And yet he is of the opinion that the nations who are leagued to disarm this evil demoniac of national militarism have the same aim in view as the perpetrators of these historic crimes.

"President Wilson has either in a fit of mental aberration sent the wrong note or he has enfirely misapprehended the European situation.

"These things are black and vile. The very thought of them on Christmas Day makes one shudder. Does any one suppose that peace would be honorable which regarded the assailants and the defenders of humanity as having in view the same ends? What kind of unity of aim do you expect between wolves and sheep dogs over the fleeces of torn lambs?"

ADD CENTRAL POWERS [illegible]

EMPEROR WILLIAM TO SEE AMBASSADOR GERARD TODAY

London, Dec. 26.—Emperor William will give special audiences on Tuesday to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and to the Swiss minister, Dr. A. De Claparede, says an Amster-

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CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH

Tragedy at Vanceboro—New Bern Has Municipal Christmas Tree—Quiet Season There.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C. Dec. 25. — The residents of the little town of Vanceboro, Craven county, have by no means recovered from the pall of gloom which was cast over that place Saturday afternoon when the little three-year-old daughter of Postmaster N. M. Lancaster was so badly burned that death resulted a few hours later.

The child, in company with several others, was celebrating the holidays, and one of its playmates had in her hand an "electric sparkler" and sparks from this ignited the little one's clothing and her body was horribly burned before the fire could be extinguished.

The little victim's body was laid at rest yesterday afternoon, and its parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

New Bern's Tree.

A thousand or more New Bernians last night gathered around the Municipal Christmas tree, which had been erected at the corner of Broad and Middle streets, and joined in the ceremonies which had been arranged for this occasion.

The celebraters gathered at the various churches an hour before marching down to the point at which the tree was located, and at 8:30 o'clock they adjourned to that place en masse.

The services were beautiful and impressive, consisting of songs and prayers, and a few short talks by the pastors. This is the fourth year that New Bern has had a Municipal Christmas Tree, and the one which was erected a few days ago is by far the prettiest of them all, and every citizen is urging that this beautiful custom be perpetuated and it is very probable that such a tree will grace some prominent corner each Christmas for many years to come.

Quiet in New Bern.

Regardless of the fact that considerable whiskey was sent into New Bern just previous to Christmas, and that it had been predicted that there would be an exciting celebration of the occasion, Christmas, so far, has passed very quietly in New Bern, and the police have made but very few arrests.

Much of this lack of lawlessness is attributed to the fact that the city authorities put their foot down on the discharging of fireworks and fire arms, and strictly prohibited this.

The annual bombardment was conspicuous by its absence, and local law-abiding residents declare that they will do everything within their power to see that this condition prevails again next year, and for years to come, and that the heathenish custom of burning gun powder and dynamite is not again allowed here.

The Poor Given Aid.

If there is a family in New Bern who have not had enough to eat this Christmas, this is not due to any negligence on the part of the local charitable institutions who have done their level best to make Christmas, 1916, a merry one for the poor and needy.

On Saturday the Salvation Army distributed eighty baskets of food, and on Saturday night the local Elks distributed several automobile loads of food, toys and clothing, and since that time other charitable organizations have distributed food and clothing.

CENTRAL POWERS MAY RESPOND TO WILSON'S APPEAL

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dam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Emperor and Empress spent Christmas day at Potsdam Palace.

POPE BENEDICT SAYS NOTE SHOWS WILSON'S HONESTY.

Rome, Dec. 23, via Paris, Dec. 25.—Pope Benedict, according to report today, in speaking to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, regarding President Wilson's note to the belligerents, said:

"It is a document showing the honesty, justice and far-sightedness of the American President."

SAYS AMERICAN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WILL PREDOMINATE

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 26.—M. Shingareff, chairman of the defence committee of the Russian duma, in commenting on President Wilson's note to the European belligerents, said:

"The commercial interests of America will predominate over any move by the military. America's adherence to one or the other of the belligerents is very improbable, especially to Germany, which would result in complications between America and Japan".

SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS TO HOLD PEACE CONFERENCE

Berlin, Dec. 25 (via Sayville)—The Overseas News Agency gives out the following regarding peace reports:

"The Berne (Switzerland) Tageblatt reports that the Scandinavian governments, according to rumor, will in the immediate future hold a conference in order to foster peace negotiations by common propositions.

"Likewise the Neue Zuricher Zeitung reports from the Hague that Holland will probably issue a note similar to that of Switzerland."

REV. G. CAMPBELL MORGAN CRITICISES WILSON'S NOTE

London, December 25. — The popular preacher, Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, at Westminster Chapel, today said:

"We are living at the most perilous hour that has come to us in this war. The most subtle perils are threatening us now, and these are created by the astuteness of Germany and the good intention of, I do not say America, but of the President of the American Republic.

"The question that has come from Germany as to peace is a question of an astute and clever diplomacy which is endeavoring to cast the blame for this war upon those who decline to accept the responsibility.

"The good intentions of President Wilson are sadly marred by his most tragic mistake that he has declined to express any opinion as to the moral issues."

New York, Dec. 25.—Acting under the direction of Secretary of War Baker, the American Legion, a civilian organization formed in February, 1915, for the purpose of classifying men of military and technical experience as a defense measure, has turned over its records to the recently created Council of National Defense, of which the Secretary of War is chairman, and will on January 1 disincorporate.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS UNABLE TO MUFFLE ANGRY GUNS' ROAR

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indispensable item of the Christmas bill of fare having been looked after by the London newspapers, which raised in the neighborhood of 100,000 pounds for their purchase.

Where conditions permitted, as many of the men as possible were relieved from front line duty for dinner, but in the mid-ditches of the Somme and in other sectors Christmas dinner, steaming hot, was carried up through the communication trenches sometimes under the pelting of shells, to the men held by duty at the outposts of w

Satirical Greetings Fired

Some of the men serving the guns chalked satirical greetings on the shells before firing them. "If its a dum shell and doesn't explode", explained a gunner, "Brother Boche can read what we think of him. On the other hand, if it does its duty, he'll know without reading."

This the third Christmas of the British armies in France, was vastly different from its two predecessors, especially the first, when only a pitiful handful of the original expeditionary force was left to form a thin khaki line against the gray-clad enemy. The field army was then so small that King George personally sent a Christmas package to every one. The multiplication of that army of tens of thousands into the present force of so many millions has somewhat altered the situation.

Heard of Peace Note

The news of President Wilson's peace note had percolated throughout the army by today, but it cannot be said to have been favorably received. While it can truthfully be said that officers and men alike realize the hardships of the coming winter, all appear eager for a new offensive in the spring and say they can make the offensive decisive.

QUIETEST CHRISTMAS GREAT BRITAIN HAS EVER KNOWN

London, Dec. 25.—Except in the camps and hospitals, this Christmas was the quietest Great Britan has ever known. Economy was the watchword among the upper classes generally. Travel was unprecedently small because the newspapers and the government appealed to civilians to stay home and give up the trains for the soldiers on leave.

Soldiers everywhere were liberally entertained. The hospitals were decorated and supplied with dinners and presents for the patients. Theatrical and music hall artists gave their services for various kinds of entertainments.

The day in London was like Sunday in its quiet, although the principal streets were full of khaki-clad men and many sailors were about. The restricted hours for public houses reduced the merry-making which usually attends yuletide holidays. The hotels and restaurants were filled with patrons, but the new regulations barred elaborate dinners.

KING GEORGE SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO BRITISH FORCES

London, Dec. 25. —The King has sent to the British land and sea forces the following Christmas greeting:

"I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the new year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured and for your unfailing cheeriness. Another Christmas has come round and we are still at war. But this empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and protect you."

The king has sent the following to the sick and wounded:

"At this Christmas tide the Queen and I are thinking more than ever for the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our heart we wish them strength to bear their suffering, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas and many happier years to come."

GAVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO 1,000 CHILDREN OF BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 25.—(via Sayville)—The American chamber of commerce in Berlin, says the Overseas News Agency gave Christmas presents to 1,000 children of Berlin. The American ambassador, James W. Gerard, and General Von Kessel, commander in Berlin, were present.

FAMILY OF SEVEN IN LOUISIANA BUTCHERED

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and found Mrs. Reeves' body with a bullet hole in the head.

The three wounded children were rushed to a hospital in Shreveport, the eldest dying shortly after arriving there. Reports received here from Shreveport tonight were that the two other children had little chance for recovery.

The seven-year-old boy, the only one in the house to escape, was sleeping in the loft and arose to light the fire at dawn when he made a discovery that sent him to the nearest house.

Reeves, according to several of the near neighbors, had openly boasted that he kept $4,000 in his house and was "prepared to defend it with hot lead."

POOR WORLD CROPS INDICATED.

Argentina's Wheat Crop Estimated at Half Last Year's.

Rome, via Paris, Dec. 24. — (Delayed)—The International Institute of Agriculture's harvest estimates continue to indicate poor world crops. It is now able for the first time to forecast the wheat production of Argentina at 70,000,000 bushels, one-half that of last year.

Australia's wheat crop is estimated at 135,000,000 bushels, which is 4 per cent. better than the yearly average yield.

Including the United States, Canada, British India, Japan and all Europe, the estimated total wheat crop is placed by the institute at 2,500,000,000 bushels, 25 per cent. less than last year.

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—General Obregon, minister of war, and General Gonzales will have a meeting tomorrow for the purpose of arranging army matters so that General Obregon may take command in the north. It is reported in well informed circles here that General Obregon will take the field personally against Villa immediately.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Earl Cooper won the 50-mile match race at the Ascot speedway here today, covering the distance in 44:41, an average of 67.13 miles an hour. Eddie Pullen finished one second behind Cooper. Wilbur d'Alene, the only other entrant lost control of his car in the second lap and crashed through a fence. He was slightly injured.

THEY BRAVE DEATH RATHER THAN DESERT HOME.

PARTS OF HOUSES FALLING INTO THE STREET HAVE COVERED IT HERE AND THERE WITH DEBRIS.

Photograph shows the remains of a street of one of the villages bombarded by German batteries as the German army swept through northern France. One would expect such delapidated buildings to be deserted but such is not the case.

EVERY MAN IN PERSHING'S PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IS REMEMBERED CHRISTMAS

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voices rising and falling in a great diapason of sound, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "America," in which everybody joined, then "Pancho Villa" the expeditionary song, brought the musical numbers to a close.

Smothered Out by Dust

Dust smothered the great celebration at the field headquarters of the American punitive expedition tonight. A terrific gale from the southwest drove officers into their quarters and soldiers into their little shelters, gasping for breath.

Swirling the chimneys of the adobe shacks, it sent the occupants into the open air until the fires in the grates could be extinguished, the smoke cleared out and the shelters rendered inhabitable.

Tents were flattened, adobe houses and offices unroofed and kitchen fires blown out.

Because of the gale every man not on guard duty was allowed to seek shelter from the dust. Orderlies sent out with messages became lost in the limits of the camp and took an hour to walk a thousand yards. Travel without dust goggles was impossible. Hundreds of the men are hatless who, not realizing the force of the wind, ventured into the open only to see their headgear swept away over the mesa. The headquarters camp appeared as a great blur.

Although the day was cloudless, hardly a ray of sunlight pierced the enveloping dust. Most of the offices were lighted by gasoline and lanterns.

It was impossible to see more than three feet in any direction for hours at a time. Two artillery men were injured by falling adobe walls. One had a leg broken, the other a hip.

COLD WAVE AND SEVERE GALE SPOILS CHRISTMAS ON BORDER

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—American army men express the belief that the cold wave that struck El Paso today, said by weather forecasters to be reaching over northern Mexico, will have a serious effect on the campaign against Villa and one to Villa's advantage. They point out that the government troops in Chihuahua come from the tropical east coast and are unable to withstand the intense cold of the high altitudes which develops pneumonia among them. Villa's followers are, on the other hand, all natives of the northern mountainous plateaus, the officers say, and well seasoned in winter campaigning.

The severe gale which spoiled the Christmas for the soldiers encamped here developed into a storm tonight.

While rebel troops are said to be moving eastward from Torreon in the direction of Monterey after capturing San Pedro De Las Colonias, with its Carranza garrison of 1,100 men, another report to reach the border tonight credits General Francisco Murguia with leading an expedition against Villa bands in the region of Minaca to the west of Chihuahua City.

A rumor also is current in Juarez that about 1,500 of Villa's men are near the frontier, twelve miles east of Juarez.

MEXICAN SNIPERS KILLED WITH MACHINE GUN BY KENTUCKIANS

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—It was reported at the camp of the Third Kentucky infantry today that at least one of the Mexican snipers who fired on the first battalion of the Third Kentucky infantry, was killed when the machine gun belonging to the battalion was used to rout the snipers who were firing at the American army camp near the Cement plant on the American side of the Rio Grande.

"This sniping was returned by our outposts", Major Denhardt, said: "Our men were forced to abandon a first line trench which had been built previously near the river to protect our outposts. The sniping continued until the machine gun was brought into action and about 100 shots fired. Then the firing stopped and I am sure we got some of the men who were doing the firing until they fled before the machine gun opened up. After being driven from the first line trench, our men sought shelter in an adobe house and continued firing at the snipers until the machine gun scattered them", Major Denhardt concluded.

FIGHTING IS HEAVY ON RUMANIA FRONT

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headquarters announced today. Across the Danube, in Eastern Wallachia, there has been a renewal of activity and engagements are now in progress. On the eastern Transylvanian front, Austro-German troops repulsed two Russian attacks in the Oitus valley.

BRITISH FORCES IN EGYPT TAKE STRONG TURK POSITION

London, Dec. 25.—Following up their victory against the Turks in the capture of El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, the British forces in Egypt have captured a strong Turkish position at Maghdadah, 20 miles to the southeast of El Arish, taking some 1,100 prisoners, two guns and quantities of war material, the war office announced today.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE

London, Dec. 26.—The Spanish steamship Marques De Uriquijo (1,603 net tons) has been sunk by a German submarine, says an announcement made tonight by Lloyd's Shipping Agency. The crew was landed.

RENEWED HEAVY FIGHTING IN EASTERN WALLACHIA PROCEEDS

Petrograd, Dec. 25.—(British admiralty, by wireless pres, via London)—Renewed heavy fighting is in progress in Eastern Wallachia, today's war office statement announces. The Rumanians were forced to yield ground at some points and the Russians lost a height north of the Buzeu-Rimnik road, but repulsed all other attacks.

The evacuation of Tultcha and Isaktcha in Dobruja is announced.

Attempts by Austro-German troops to re-capture heights occupied by the Russians north of the Buzeu valley were repulsed sanguinary, the Russians capturing two guns and more than 200 prisoners.

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THEATRICAL

On March 3, 1915, occurred the premier performance of "The Birth of a Nation" at the Liberty Theatre in New York City. In that city last season it achieved the marvelous record of 1,200 performances. Never before in the history of the theatre has three been a record that can ever begin to compare with this.

The census of 1910 accords the United States a population of 92,036,717. The box office records of "The Birth of a Nation," show that the spectacle has been seen by 10,000,000 people since March, 1915. It has been seen by over one million people in New York City alone.

In Boston it opened April 10, 1915, and played there for 450 performances. The Chicago company started June 5, 1915, at the Illinois Theatre. At the end of the summer it was moved to the Colonial Theatre where it ran until January 29, a total of 500 performances. In Philadelphia it ran for twenty weeks to tremendous business. In Pittsburg its success was phenomenal and it stayed there for fourteen weeks. In St. Louis it ran for the same length of time.

Last season thirty companies played all over the United States. It is now being shown in Europe, Asia, South America and Australia with the same wonderful success that it has met with in America. Each traveling organization requires two cars. There is a stage director, operators, carpenters, property men, electricians and musicians, fifty in all, carried with each organization. "The Birth of a Nation" will be seen in Wilmington for only two more performances, giving a matinee this afternoon and the last performance to night. Tickets are selling at Elvington's Pharmacy.

The Prince of Pilsen.

"The Prince of Pilsen," famous for its witty dialogue, pretty music, elaborate stage settings, and beautiful girls, will be seen at the Academy matinee and night on next Monday This extraordinary musical comedy is a Pixley and Luders masterpiece that has charmed the entire world with its many alluring features, and is today one of the most welcome attractions offered by theatre managers throughout the country. The revival this season comes here with a splendid cast which is headed by Charles Horne in the role of Hans Wagner, the Cincinnati brewer, a part that has made fame in this country and abroad, and Miss Estella Birney as the charming widow, Mrs. Crocker. In addition to the new scenic investiture that will reflect the effulgence of this international favorite, the play has ben fitted with an entire new set of costumes. The matinee prices run from 50 cents to $1. Night prices range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets go on sale Friday at Elvington's Phormacy.

Big Feature Tomorrow.

The many hundreds and thousands who witnessed the baseball "matinees" in Wilmington last October will recall that it was a series of great thrills and great suspense, and those who wished that they might witness the games now have that wish gratified for the Victoria is going to present the entire five games in detail tomorow, matinee and night, through a five reel masterpicture which was made by Selig at the time, and contains the most marvelous pictorial account of the games ever achieved, through the medium of new inventions in motion picture cameras.

It is not just a series of snap shots but the entire game in detail from beginning to end. Cameras with birds-eye lens took in the whole diamond; then when a batsman hit the ball out, a marvelous close-up would show him on his way to second—show his spectacular slide into second and third, and into the home plate—if he made the circuit.

In five mammoth reels, every one of the games has been covered marvelously, and you will thrill just as did those who graced the grand stands in Boston and Brooklyn on the days of these great games.

A great two-reel Keystone comedy scream, "By Stork Delivery," is also on the bill to furnish variety, and gives a great two-hour show.

As only two performances will be given—in the afternoon and at night—it would be well to get tickets at the cigar stores today, or from the members of the Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps, for whose benefit the show is given.

Big Hit at Royal.

When the Royal management promised patrons a great double show for the single admission price, it did not make any false statements whatever, for yesterday's big performance of this great double attraction was witnessed by the largest crowds who have ever attended a performance in a single day in Wilmington, of like nature. Both at the afternoon and night performances the people by hundreds were refused admittance after every available inch of standing room was occupied.

Ward and Barton, "The Actress and the Yodeler," was the first hit on the bill, and thoroughly delighted the immense throngs, presenting a unique and novel vaudeville act the equal of which has not been seen in Wilmington in many a month. Their act is absolutely new, and as they come direct from New York to fill this engagment, booked as an extra attraction for the holiday week, should be seen by everyone who possibly can attend this week.

Arthur Haunk's Sunshine Girls Compny presented the niftiest song and dance show that has ever been seen in Wilmington at the price. We say "song and dance" advisedly, as there is little but those two articles, besides an overflowing measure of comedy. There is one continuous flow of vaudeville and specialty acts from the first to the last minute, and it would simply be impossible to pick the winner out from this all-star aggregation. Safe to say, however, that the Musical Kings did their share, as they were encored and called back repeatedly until they simply had to refuse to answer more calls. This big show will go on again today and tonight, a brand new bill being offered Wednesday.

At the "Vic".

That marvelous story of the ages, "Joseph and His Brethren," was done in a $100,000 stage production and was the greatest sensation of the theatrical world. Now the same stage version has been filmed into a mammoth six-reel motion picture classic, and has been booked for presentation at the Victoria theatre as a special holiday attraction for next Friday, matinee and night, under the auspices of the Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church, for the benefit of the Salem, Va., orphans' home, who will get the profits.

"Joseph and His Brethren" is an entertainment for the masses, a photo-play with an universal appeal. Woven delicately with mysterious touch are the many episodes in the stirring story and by what strange means Joseph came into his own; of the lure of woman, wily, seductive, aflame with the illicit fires of passion, the unholy love of Zelikah, the wife of Petipherah, the mighty Egyptian captain. The treatment of the story for motion pictures has been poetical and highly theatrical. Beauty and strength run as a team of spirited steeds, the film flashing on with cumulative power to the very end. The atmosphere of Egypt and Palestine have been reproduced with fidelity to every detail. The characters look and act like human being of the Old Testament, when their God was a Deity of vengeance, fire and of sword, 'ere out of Nazareth came one who was to tell of the God of Love.

It is a masterful production, and special orchestra will interpret the musical score of this great production and exceptional side issues in the way of instrumental solos will add to the occasion.

The Grand Today.

"The Devil at His Elbow," a strong and gripping five-part Metro wonder-play, in which Clifford Bruce and Dorothy Green are starred, is the big feature attraction at the Grand today. In this feature, which was produced by the Popular Plays and Players, Mr. Bruce has the role of a mechanical engineer, who has a contract with the government to complete plans for a new type of submarine. He fails, when he indulges in heavy drink, in order to get out his plans on time. Miss Green plays the part of a girl of the street. How both are instrumental in reclaiming the other, and the unusual twist in the finale, makes one of the most dramatic stories of its kind ever shown on the screen. There is a strong supporting cast, which includes Edward Martindel, Mary Sandway, J. K. Roberts, Adolph Menjou, Frank McDonald, and others. Burton King directed the production of "The Devil at His Elbow," and Harry Revier supervised its direction.

"Diamond From the Sky."

The third great chapter of that superb and thrilling serial achievement, the sequel to "The Diamond from the Sky" occupies top position on today's great holiday bill of movies at the Bijou, but that is not all, by half, that is included on today's great line-up of big features. There are some outstanding features on today's bill that should commend it to the consideration of every amusement lover in Wilmington.

The third great chapter of the sequel to the "Diamond from the Sky" is not lacking in the big thrills that have characterized the two chapters already shown, and it is absolutely so chock full of sensational acting and replete with amazing thrills that you will be kept right on the very edge of your seat throughout the whole half hour that it is on the screen. You don't want to miss this—the next chapter a week from today will end for good and always this stirring serial, and never again will you see those unique and fascinating characters on the screen again.

A two-reel feature drama of surprises all the way through, of sensational happenings, of tense interest, and of emotional strength unsurpassed, is "The Call of the Unborn," a great two-reel Imp drama, starring beautiful Edythe Roberts and Ben Wilson, which is also on today's great bill at the Bijou. It is new; don't miss it.

Academy Tomorrow Evening.

Talking machine manufacturers report that during the past six months they have been rushed to keep up with the demand for records of Hawaiian music, the langourous twang of the ukelele and the subtle charm of the "cola" song having won their way into the hearts of the people of America to an unparalleled extent. The popular song, too, has felt the influence of the new school, and the "old mill" and "Lovey Dovey" type of ragtime song has been forced to bow to the new kind. Every song that the island folks have ever sung down on the Waikiki beach besides the surf has been imported to America and composers are paraphrasing and concocting frantically in an effort to "make hay while the sun shines."

In presenting at the Academy of Music tomorrow evening the Waikiki Hawaiian Players and Singers, amusement lovers of Wilmington will have an opportunity of seeing the greatest aggregation of talent ever imported to America from these South Sea Islands, and will indeed witness a rare musical treat in the show presented by them. The wistful beauty of the music seems to carry the American audience across the Pacific to these beautiful islands. We hear the native Hawaiians singing and playing, describing in turn love for country, birds and flowers, tropic moon, soft murmuring of the waves on the beaches of Waikiki and the songs of love.

Seats for this attraction go on sale at Elvington's this morning and prices only run to $1.

Ella May Bassett in "The Prince of Pilsen", the New Year's offering at the Academy.

FISHERMEN ARE PROSPERING

Unusually Large Catches Made Off Morehead City and Beaufort

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 25.—Fishermen at Morehead City and Beaufort are prospering. During the past month unusually large runs of edible fish have been caught off those places and Saturday a record-breaking catch of mullet was made and these have been forwarded to points in the western part of this and other States.

According to statistics kept by fishermen there, the runs of fish during the past few weeks have been more frequent and larger than has been the case in many years and just at this time, when unusually good prices are being paid for this variety of water food, the fishermen are, in fact, reaping a golden harvest. Many oysters are also being taken from the waters around Morehead City and Beaufort and these are meeting with a ready sale.

FIRE IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Rectory, Sunday School and Parish School Buildings Burned.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 25. — The rectory and Sunday school and parish school buildings of St. Joseph's Episcopal church, built for the colored people of this city by Mrs. Eva Cochran, a wealthy philanthropist of New York, were destroyed by fire Saturday night. The church was saved, after a hard fight by the firemen. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

The residence of Miss A. E. Hardie, nearby, caught from flying sparks several times, but the blaze was each time extinguished before any considerable harm was done.

CLEARANCE SALE

Beginning Today and Lasting Five Days

After Christmas each year there are many things left over. As it will be our custom not to carry over any old stock from one year to another, we place on sale today a number of exceptional values.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

"And in despair I bowed my head
"There is no peace on earth", I said;
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

LONGFELLOW.

Next stop is New Year's Day.

The third Christmas finds Europe still at war.

Don't wait for something to turn up. Turn up something yourself.

The way of the transgressor leads to skating on thin ice over deep water.

Wilmington will make more progress in 1917 than she did during the past three years.

Count that day lost on which you do not learn something that you never knew before.

The next thing on the programme will be 1917. How many of us have a 1917 programme

Resolved, That on and after January 1, 1917, we will make good in Wilmington instead of making noise.

Here's hoping you had a merry Christmas and that you spent it in a way that you have nothing to regret.

Many men hate to take their medicine even though it is as good for them as taking their wives' advice.

A man boasts of his loyal support of his party, but his proudest boast ought to be his loyal support of his family.

It was a white Christmas up north. It was a sunshine Christmas in Wilmington, most of it. We haven't as much as seen a snow flake this winter.

Most men admit that they owe "everything" to their wives, but they make out 'tif they are short of change when wifey makes a modest and unassuming demand.

Once more Turkey contains the bone of contention—Constantinople and the Dardanelles, by way of which Russia hopes to get free access to the Atlantic.

The Wall Street Journal suggests that "a tariff commission should not only take the tariff out of politics, but stay out of politics itself." Also be independent of politicians who have dragged an economic question around as a political principle.

Says the Merchants Journal and Commerce: "The merchant who clutters up the sidewalk around his store with barrels and boxes may not realize it himself, but he is a public nuisance." It shows that he is trying to get the attention of a few people who happen to pass by, instead of using newspaper advertising that attracts the attention of thousands of people.

With many merchants this is annual stock-taking week. It wouldn't be a bad idea for all of us as individuals to take stock of ourselves this week, ascertain whether we have made any progress during the past year in moral and intellectual strength, thrift, efficiency and service to our community and our country—pick out the mistakes we made and the opportunities we failed to use to advantage during 1916 and make up a programme for 1917 that will make us mean more during the coming year to ourselves, to our loved ones and to our fellowmen.

ALL SELLERS ARE BULLS.

The Merchants' Journal and Commerce states that the price of goods is advancing, but that shrewd trade magazine advises merchants that it is no reason for holding goods back for higher prices. Money, it is declared, is not realized till a sale is made, therefore, the Journal gives this advice:

"It is far better to turn your stock and your capital than to wait for the goods to reach a higher level of prices. A knowledge of costs is very important when market changes are so frequent. There is absolutely no reason at this time to sell any merchandise without a profit. It is foolhardy to meet every cut price at any time, more especially when there is an actual scarcity of desirable merchandise. Some factors have gone beyond the pale of justice and have shown a greed that is despicable. They were eager to sell and did sell, but on the date of shipment they found that the market was from 30 to 60 per cent. advanced, and they began all sorts of tactics. Some sold the goods on present market and pleaded scarcity of yarns, dyes, labor trouble, etc., to early purchaser. Others insisted on being paid the advanced price, while others flatly repudiated their contracts. Such tactics will not be forgotten. One small concern found it expedient to go through a friendly receivership in order to repudiate their contracts, though they never stopped shipping to concerns that would pay the high prices. These conditions will not make enough for a concern to live forever on, and their greed, trickery and rascality will be remembered. Such conditions as are now before the trade are sufficiently hard to meet, but when confidence is shaken by even a minority of factors, it gives a great deal of annoyance and added expense to the distribution of merchandise."

The foregoing discloses some of the tricks of trade, but the incidents noted discredit those who repudiate their transactions and even fraudulently avoid honorable contracts. Establishments guilty of such tricks are not worthy of patronage, and if they are treated right by merchants they will have to go out of business for the reason that they are not entitled to confidence. Jobbers certainly would not let retail buyers off should prices decline after goods had been contracted for. "Quick sales and short profits" is a good policy, when conditions are like they are today.

Experienced business men don't need much advice on that score, for well posted buyers watch the markets very closely and keep up with the statistical situation and the factors so closely that they know when to buy largely or buy on a hand to mouth schedule.

However, it should be borne in mind that first-hand sellers are always boosting prices. They are predicting higher prices by way of preparing purchasers for a sure enough rise. All woolen goods are bound for a big boost, for all the wool men are creating the impression that wool is scarce and will be hard to get next fall.

A foreign wool dealer arrived in New York a few days ago and the first thing he did was to give out newspaper statements to the effect that, owing to the scarcity of wool, men will be lucky if they get woolen clothes to wear next fall. Of course, the foreigner came here to sell, and wants the trade to understand that buyers had better buy now. No doubt they will, and that assures higher prices, whether they are warranted or not.

Price boosters use the newspapers free to carry on their propaganda for higher prices. They bull the market by giving out statistics calculated to make buyers rush to market and buy in anticipation of a rise. The Star gets price booster publicity almost constantly, but we often doubt whether they are honest statements or tricks of the trade. The government only recently showed that some of this newspaper publicity was a trick of large distributors to boost prices.

Buying is a difficult thing for merchants at this time, so they have to take care of themselves by being cautious.

AN APPALLING HOMICIDE RECORD.

We have no war among ourselves in the United States, but during the year 1915-1916 the felonious killings in this country numbered 9,230. That certainly is a horrible record. Even the Mexicans have been kinder to us than we have been to ourselves.

The murder record in this country do not include the death of many more persons who died under suspicious circumstances. During the year the courts convicted only 119 murderers. In 1912 there were 9,152 homicides with 145 convictions. In 1913 homicides numbered 8,902, with 88 murderers convicted. In 1914, the record was 8,-251, with 14 executions. Thus within four years, Americans have taken the life of 35,535 of their fellow Americans. The record is appalling.

The murder record in this country seems to be growing at an alarming rate, and it is believed that the leniency of courts and the loose pardoning powers of governors is largely responsible for the reckless disregard of life in a country that boasts of its civilization and Christianity. During the last year, the per capita homicides in this country were 10 to every one in Great Britain. There is entirely too much criminality in this country or there is too much maudlin sentiment to prevent penalties that ought to be inflected. There is no such sentiment in England and possibly that deters those people who are ready to kill others on slight provocation.

A man who is cold towards people generally ought to be in charge of an ice factory instead of a business that depends upon cleverness.

SHIPBUILDING IN THE SOUTH

The building of steel and wooden ships in the United States is proceeding at a rapid pace. New ships of all kinds under contract will foot up several hundred, with the construction of steel ships of large tonnage in the lead. Southern shipyards are getting rush orders for wooden vessels, and every yard from Maryland to Texas is busy.

New shipbuilding concerns are being organized at practically all Southern ports, or old concerns are being reorganized to turn out larger ships.

Among the latest Southern ports to organize a shipbuilding concern is Tampa, Fla., where the Tampa Shipbuilding & Engineering Company has been incorporated with a capital of $500,000. The new company proposes to take over the business and holdings of the Tampa Foundry & Machine Company, which concern already has an extensive plant.

According to the Jacksonville Times-Union, the new concern will go into the shipbuilding business extensively and has good reasons to expect great success. At present the demand for ships of any and all kinds, is greater than ever before in the history of the world and the shipbuilding plants of the country have been refusing orders for some time, being overcrowded with work and having orders far ahead.

DR. JOHN C. WESSELL.

The election of Dr. John C. Wessell to membership on the New Hanover County Board of Health is not only eminently pleasing to his hosts of friends in Wilmington, but it means added strength to the Board and the addition of a greater public service to this important department of local government.

Dr. Wessell combines with high professional standing, keen business ability and foresight, which will prove especially pleasing to his co-workers on the Board. That he will accept the position on the Board at the large sacrifice entailed is earnestly to be hoped, but it must be recalled that Doctor Wessell, aside from his large private practice, has manifold other public duties that require much of his time and attention. For example, his labor of love in connection with the Red Cross Sanitarium takes much of his time, while his services are always at the command of anything that contributes to the welfare and well being of the community to which he has contributed much.

New Hanover is to be congratulated upon Dr. Wessell's election, and is to be twice congratulated when he accepts.

KEEPING WELL THROUGH CHRISTMAS

The State Board of Health in its latest bulletin is offering timely advice on the subject; "Keeping Well through Christmas." The point mainly stressed in the bulletin is to "guard the intake." The bulletin says: "A sane Christmas is a healthful Christmas. A healthful Christmas depends primarily on the intake, mainly of food and drink. A few points to be remembered on Christmas day in order to enjoy the day after, and perhaps the Christmas after, are:

"Heavy eating without taking outdoor exercise, such as walking, not riding, is likely to lead to any form of illness from headache and dyspepsia to nightmare and pneumonia. Heavy drinking and smoking decrease one's resistance and when coupled with over-eating, it is a condition favorable to colds, grippe, and particularly to pneumonia. One should avoid getting chilled in going from an overheated, unventilated room into a cold room or hall. Good ventilation is an essential factor toward keeping well, especially toward avoiding colds, during the Christmas season.

"To guard sanely the intake of food and drink, to avoid constipation, to take outdoor exercise daily, and to live with fresh air in the home will go a long way toward keeping well through Christmas—toward avoiding headaches, colds, grippe and pneumonia, the diseases that are most prevalent during and after Christmas."

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Bald Headed Bachelor of the Wilmington Star realizes that Leap Year goes out in just a few more days and he sents in a distress signal.—Greensboro Record.

The "farmer vote" has come into its own and one of the first evidences is the promptness with which the idea of a grain embargo is dismissed at Washington.—Chicago Herald.

The Greensboro News says that, "as a moral risk," the newspaper men of North Carolina are "good for a half million dollars, a million dollars, or million of dollars, any day in the year." Granted, but our experience has been that banks are seldom disposed to loan money on "a moral risk."—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Good cheer is great producer. It adds wonderfully to one's active ability and increases mental and physical power. It makes hosts of friends and helps us to be interesting and agreeable. Good cheer will attract more customers, sell goods, do more business with less wear and tear than almost any other quality. Optimism is the greatest business-getter, biggest trader, truest achiever in the world. Pessimism has never done anything but tear down and destroy what optimism has built up. In the business office, in society, in politics, in workshops, everywhere, the favorite is always the cheerful fellow with the bright smile and bright thoughts. Good natured, cheerful ones do not waste their vital energies as rapidly as the grumblers or the too sober, too sour ones do. They work and live with much less friction. Good cheer is a simple habit. It is one of the best in all the list.—Christian Herald.

The Wilmington Star thinks that a fine bit of publicity being given by the Southern Railway in a series of advertisements it is running in papers published in towns and cities along its route. It is not only educational but is calculated to soften perceptibly the more or less hostility in many quarters toward railroads in general. One of the recent series of advertisements points out that in the last ten years the Southern Railway has paid in taxes to counties and the States it traverses in the South for schools, bridges, roads and pensions the princely sum of $12,444,544. And more, as the advertisement concludes, "The Southern is proud to have made this contribution to the upbuilding of the South."—Greensboro Record.

Prices for all grains used in feeding live stock have been increasing so rapidly during the last six months that many sorts of feed now cost nearly twice as much as they did a year ago. This heavy expense for feed is being keenly felt by many dairymen of the South, particularly those located near the large cities, who have been buying all their stock feed. The present situation emphasizes the need for all the dairymen to become dairy farmers and produce most of the feed for their animals upon their own lands, says C. L. Willoughby, professor of animals husbandry in the College of Agriculture, University of Florida. The basis of profitable dairy feeding is unquestionably plenty of legume hay and plenty of corn or sorghum, either cut green in summer or preserved in the silo for winter use. These essential feeds can be produced cheaper in Florida than in some other sections, yet many dairymen are not making proper use of them. As the cities grow in size and land increases in value, such dairymen will find themselves compelled to move their farm and dairy operations far enough away from the city limits to secure land at $50 to $100 an acre for growing feed crops. Modern methods of transporting milk are now so perfect that milk can be shipped forty or fifty miles by train with as little trouble as hauling it by wagon five or ten miles.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The yearly report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shows that the aboriginal Americans are increasing in wealth, numbers and education, and that almost one-third of them are regular churchgoers. In most places they have adopted the ways of civilization, and war parties are unknown. A few years ago the Indian Office concerned itself chiefly with fights, massacres, scandals and investigations. It was the common belief that the red man was incorrigible and that the white man was incapable of dealing with him honorably and successfully. The Indian in his seeming devotion to savagery was no more hopeless than the Caucasian who too often appeared as an oppressor, despoiling the government as well as its wards. Generations of Americans never doubted the old dictum that the only good Indian is a dead Indian, or wavered in their conclusion that the one solution of the Indian question was to be found in the obliteration of the race. The great change now witnessed is due in the main to the sudden increase of white population in what was once the Indian country. When civilization became strong enough to restrain its own wrong-doers, it was able also to impress itself upon the tribesmen. War ceased partly because it was not provoked and partly because even the savage saw that it was unprofitable. Thus a race trained to strife and glory, ing in it, yielded to peace and law almost before the American people as a whole were aware of the fact. If circumstances that may be likened to the aims of a league for the enforcement of peace can tame the red man of North America, why should we despair of his belligerent white brother in Europe.—New York World.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE IS CRITICISED IN RUSSIA

Government Unable to Suggest Any Terms of Durable Peace

President Wilson's note has called fort President Wilson's note has cited forth from the Russian press and from the nation itself as far as can be judged from its effect in official and political circles in Petrograd a torrent of criticism party tolerant and partly charply adverse, but for the most part maintaining a tone of polite, amiable rejection.

The Associated Press has been informed that the Russion government received the note in the spirit of friendliness in which it was offered, but while appreciating the humanitarian motives which prompted it, will find it impossible at present to suggest any terms which could guarantee a durable peace.

All the newspapers comment on what is termed the inopportune moment chosen for peace mediation and express regret that the favorable impression caused by the American government's refusal to make recommendations in connection with Germany's proposal should now be effected by proposals of its own. The Retch says President Wilson would better have been guided by the negative attitupde which he observed in transmitting the offer.

SWITZERLAND ANNOUNCES ITS SUPPORT OF WILSON'S APPEAL

"Most Meritorious Invitation" Finds "A Mighty Echo"

Washington, Dec. 25.—Switzerland, in a note to all of the warring powers, has announced its support of President Wilson's appeal for a discussion of peace terms, saying it "would consider itself happy if it could act in any, no matter how modest a way, for the reapproachment of the peoples now engaged in the struggle and for lasting peace."

The note was dispatched to the belligerents by the Swiss Federal Council and Dr. Paul Ritter Minister of Switzerland here, sent a copy of it to the White House. Secretary Lansing made it public last night. The translated text follows:

"The President of the United States of America with whom the Swiss Federal Council, guided by its warm desire that the hostilities may soon come to an end, has, for a considerable time been in touch, had the kindness to apprise the Federal Council of the peace note sent to the government's of the Central and Entente Powers. In this note President Wilson discusses the great desirability of international agreements for the purpose of avoiding more effectively and permanently the occurrence of catastrophes such as the one under which the peoples are suffering today. In this connection, he lays particular stress on the necessity for bringing about the end of the present war. Without making peace proposals himself or offering mediation, he confines himself to sounding as to whether mankind may hope to have approached the haven of peace.

"The most meritorious invitation of President Wilson will find a mighty echo in Switzerland. True to the obligations arising from observing the strictest neutrality, united by the same friendship with the states of both warring groups of powers, situated like an island amidst the seething waves of the terrible world war with its ideal and material interests most sensibly jeopardized and violated, our country is filled with a deep longing for peace, and ready to assist by its small means to stop the endless sufferings caused by the war and brought before its eyes by daily contact with the interned, the severely wounded and those expelled and to establish the foundation for a beneficial co-operation of the peoples.

"The Swiss Federal Council is therefore glad to seize the opportunity to support the efforts of the President of the United States. It would consider itself happy if it could act in any, no matter how modest a way, for the reapproachment of the peoples now engaged in the struggle and for reaching a lasting peace."

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NATIVE OF WILMINGTON WILL BE APPOINTED

Durham Lawyer Will be Next Assistant Attorney General.

Robert H. Sykes, Son of Thos. P. Sykes, of This City, Slated for Job—Sketch of Career of Popular Young Attorney.

Robert Hiden Sykes, Esq., a well known and popular Durham lawyer, who is a son of Mr. Thos. P. Sykes, of Wilmington, is slated to be the next assistant attorney general of North Carolina. Judge Sykes, as he is known in Durham, where he served for three years as recorder, is a native of this city and since leaving has made an enviable reputation both professionally and politically.

Mr. Sykes frequently visits his father, who is one of the most highly respected citizens in Wilmington, and at the last memorial day exercises was the orator of the occasion. He spends his vacations usually here and is never more delighted than when he is able to snatch a day away from his busy life to visit his old home.

Sketch of Mr. Sykes.

The Durham Herald carries a very interesting sketch of Mr. Sykes which will be read with much interest here:

"For the past few days it has been rumored among legal circles in Durham that Judge Robert Hiden Sykes, of the Durham bar, would be appointed assistant attorney general of North Carolina in the office of Judge J. S. Manning, who assumes the duties of attorney general of North Carolina in January. While no official announcement has been made, there is reason to believe that Judge Sykes had been tendered the appointment and had signified his acceptance.

"The office of assistant attorney general is an important and honorable position of trust, requiring the highest type of legal skill, ability and learning. This position is no longer a figurehead, but owing to the complex and progressive life of the State, the duties and obligations of this office require the highest degree of legal equipment and efficiency. It is therefore, a source of gratification to the people of Durham that the office of assistant attorney general should be filled by a member of the Durham bar, and it is especially gratifying that Judge Robert H. Sykes has been selected to perform the duties of this important office.

Splendidly Qualified.

"Judge Sykes is in every way qualified to measure up to the responsibility and to perform with efficiency and promptness the duties of the office to which he has been appointed. He understands the spirit and the ideals of North Carolina for all of his forefathers were born within her borders. Judge Sykes was born and reared in Wilmington, attended private schools of Wilmington and thereafter attended Davis military school. In the early years of his life those sturdy qualities which were to mark him in after years became apparent. As a youth he was ambitious and determined to overcome all obstacles that tended to impede or hinder his advancement.

"Like so many of our leaders who have come up from the great working masses, he had no means with which to continue his education. However, he was determined to go to college. In 1895 he entered the University of North Carolina and by the labor of his own hands supported and maintained himself in college. During this period, on holidays and during vacation he was associated with the late Prof. J. A. Holmes in the work of the North Carolina geological survey. After his academic course was ended at the University he studied law under the late Dr. J. M. Manning and later under Judge James C. MacRae, who was elected dean of the University law school upon the death of Dr. Manning. After leaving the University he spent two years in the law office of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, one of the largest law firms in New York City. This law firm, largely through the influence and sagacity of Thomas C. Platt, transacted an immense amount of business and Judge Sykes had an excellent opportunity to lay the foundation for thoroughness, accuracy and promptness.

Career as Recorder.

"In 1906 Judge Sykes removed to Durham and entered upon the active practice of law. The recorder's court was established in 1909 and he was the first judge of that court. There was considerable opposition in Durham to the recorder's court, not only among the people at large, but many of the leading members of the bar were opposed to the idea of such a court, and were of the opinion that the court could not exist. Judge Sykes held this office for three years. He brought to the office the same skill, efficiency and genius for organizing details which has characterized his practice in Durham and his life as a citizen. The recorder's court became popular and in addition turned considerable revenue into the general treasury of the county. Opposition and antagonism to the court soon faded and the people and the bar became convinced that the court had a place in the judicial life of the community and those who were antagonistic became the warmest supporters of the court.

"As a judge his decisions were rendered after careful deliberation and always evinced a keen insight into the fundamentals of the law, as well as poise and discrimination. He is not to be swept off his feet, but in the decision of any question, whether it be legal, political or economic, he brings to bear upon it all the facts and circumstances surrounding the question at issue and only reaches a conclusion after patient and discriminating study and deliberation.

"He has always been a prominent figure in the political life of Durham county. Because of his ability to manage details and of his unfailing energy he has always been assigned a prominent part in every campaign that has been waged in Durham since he cast his lot with the Durham bar. As a speaker he is eloquent and forceful and his ideas are developed with clearness and enthusiasm, and that, too, without the slightest tinge of bombast.

"His activities have not been confined to Durham county. He has always taken an active part in the work of the North Carolina Bar Association, serving as vice president and is now a member of the executive committee.

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NEGROES SLIGHTLY INJURED

Three Men Are Peppered With Shot In Holiday Shooting Scrapes—Bicycle Is Wrecked

With two shooting scrapes among the negroes in which three were injured and a case of a bicycle wrecked and its riders thrown violently to the ground by the explosion of a giant bomb cannon cracker, the members of the Wilmington police department were kept pretty busy yesterday morning.

As a result of a shooting match at Seventh and Church streets about 4 a. m., Robert Cowan and S. Evans, were pretty well peppered about the head and face with bird shot. The matter was probed by Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman, who was told that one "Happy" Larkins and Buddy Graddy did the shooting. Breechloading shotguns were used and it is said they fired into a crowd standing at the intersection of the streets named. The cause of the shooting could not be learned.

As a result of another shooting affair at 10 a. m. at 11th and Orange streets in which a shotgun was also used, John Barnes was peppered about the head and face with small shot. He pretended not to know who did it, also intimating that it was probably accidental.

Louis Skinner, 13 years old, and a companion of about the same age who were riding "double" on a bicycle about 11 o'clock yesterday morning at Fourth and Castle streets, were both hurled violently to the brick pavement and their wheel wrecked when a giant cannon cracker which was flung by some unknown hand exploded beneath their bicycle.

The bicyclists had pased the corner where boys were standing out in front of a fireworks stand, when someone around the corner, it is believed hurled the bomb, which a member of the police department said must have contained dynamite from the way it broke the rims and demolished the spokes of the wheel. Officer Coleman tried to find out who was the guilty party, but although a number of those present at the time said they saw the explosion, they denied knowledge of who threw the bomb. Both boys were slightly bruised and lacerated about the body as a result of their sudden fall.

CHORAL SOCIETY MAKING FINE PROGRESS WITH MUSIC

Next Recital Will Be Held on Monday Night, January 8—Good Work

The pervading holiday spirit entered the Choral Society meeting held last Monday evening and in accord with the general sentiment Director Edward Munson announced that the society would next meet for rehearsal Monday evening January 8. Splendid progress has been made with the oratorio taken up, and with the new enthusiasm that will come after the holiday season the chorus work will soon be well in hand.

The society has greatly enjoyed the hard effort, incident to acquiring familiar acquaintance with the splendid music in "Elijah" and after the holidays will further enjoy the work by putting in a part of each rehearsal period in the singing of lighter and less demanding compositions.

Very often a full year is given to work on "Elijah" where the intent is to render the oratorio in full. The purpose with the Wilmington Choral Society however from the start has been to render only the most appealing of the choruses and, of course, the larger part of the solo work, but to omit such parts as are usually only effectively done when a very much greater number of voices are available.

The keen interest manifested by many of the members of the society to faithfully attend meetings despite the unfortunate happening of inclement weather on several choral appointment evenings, has resulted in a considerable nucleus in the Society being well advanced with the work. The secretary reports that he anticipates full and enthusiastic meetings during the rehearsal period in the new year and looks for a number of accessions in membership. Mr. Robertson, who at the piano during the rehearsals, is with characteristic vigor supporting Director Munson is assisting the latter in the selection of sprightly music of an enlivening sort to work up for a part of the time at each future rehearsal.

TAKE MARRIAGE VOWS IN WRITING BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Miss Parnell and Mr. McCartney Are Married by Justice Bornemann

If you were called upon to perform a marriage ceremony in which both the contracting parties were deaf and dumb, you would probably be puzzled as to how to go about it. Well, that was the sort of a problem Justice G. W. Bornemann had put up to him last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Mr. Geo. B. McCartney, of this city, and Miss Nora M. Parnell, of Lumberton, appeared at his office on Princess street and made known their desire to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Where there is a will, there is a way, so Justice Bornemann solved the difficulty by conducting the ceremony in writing. All questions and the vows were put in writing and the bride and groom answered them in the same way.

The ceremony was witnessed by Messrs. M. L. Starkey, A. H. Yopp and Geo. B. Applewhite. Mr. and Mrs. McCartney will make their home in this city.

TO GIVE CO-ED SOCIAL NEXT SATURDAY AT Y. M. C. A.

Gypsy Pilgrimage to Fort Fisher Also on Deck for This Week.

A "Co-Ed" social will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association next Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock in honor of the returned college and preparatory school boys who are at home for the Christmas holidays. Each boy will bring a girl friend with him to the social.

Some ten members of the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A. will make their annual Gypsy pilgrimage to Fort Fisher next Wednesday. The encampment at Fort Fisher will last three days, and the boys will go down by wagon and hike back. While at Fort Fisher the boys will camp out, take boat trips and hunt oysters. Mr. C. Walton Johnson, Y. M. C. A. Boys' Secretary, will be in charge.

BRIGHT WEATHER MADE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Observance in Wilmington Marked by Unusual Quietness.

Business Activities Go By Board For Holiday, Which Most Residents Spend at Home With Families—Church Services Held

Bright sunshiny weather for practically the whole day made Christmas in Wilmington an unusually happy event. During the early morning there were very few people on the streets, save here and there youngsters exploding their holiday supply of fire-works in front of their homes.

The observance was quiet, according to those who have lived here many years, despite the fact that fireworks of all sizes and descriptions popped intermittently throughout the day and night. Such celebrations, usually associated with the Fourth of July in the North and West, are quite the customary and orthodox method of observing the day in Wilmington and the South, and hence is to be expected.

While a great number of people had left the city to spend Christmas with relatives and friends, an equally large number of visitors were in the city for the holiday. Christmas dinners were in evidence everywhere and many a turkey met a sad fate on this account.

Spirit of Good Cheer

A fine custom observed in Wilmington is the exchange of visits on Christmas afternoon and there were many callers at the different homes yesterday. Old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships formed.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of this holiday of holidays was the general disposition to help the less fortunate. Giving has become associated with Christmas but this year there was more evidence of the spirit than ever before. Hundreds of homes were made happy by the receiving of gifts. Christmas cheer was in evidence everywhere and none were so poor as not to have something out of the ordinary. Surely Christmas this year will be remembered by a great number as the happiest of all the days of this good year.

Elaborate musical programmes conveying the Christmas spirit were heard in many of the churches, although a number of churches elected to conduct their celebration of the holiday on Sunday.

Santa Claus day was also observed in nearly all the Sunday schools of the city, either Sunday or yesterday with elaborately decorated trees from which gifts were distributed to the little children.

Many special attractions were booked at the various local theatres as a part of the Christmas Day programme, one of the leading attractions being "The Birth of a Nation" at the Academy of Music, which will also fill matinee and evening engagements at that popular playhouse today.

It Was Quiet Day

During the early part of last night the downtown streets were thronged with people, but as the weather became colder, most of them betook themselves homeward and spent the latter part of the evening with their families around the fireside.

Although there were a number of shooting scrapes amongst the negroes, no one was seriously hurt. Two negroes were arrested by the police for firing pistols in the streets, while a third was taken into custody on a charge of disorderly conduct. That only three arrests were made, shows that there was little evidence of unusual disorder in evidence. Chief of Police Williams stated that for Christmas Eve and Christmas, the behavior of the people in the streets was pretty quiet as compared with former years. Four or five years ago, he says, it was quite the usual thing for some 50-odd citizens to spend the fag-end of their holiday in the police station. He attributed the new order of things to the "Quart" law, which prevents over indulgenuce in alcoholic liquors.

MAYOR P. Q. MOORE IS REMEMBERED BY COUNCIL

Given Handsome Pair of Electric Candle Lamps With Ambero Bases

In token of their appreciation of his services as their presiding officer, members of City Council and Capt. D. Meares, city clerk, yesterday presented Mayor P. Q. Moore with a pair of handsome electric candle lamps with ambero bases and shades as a Christmas gift.

The presentation was without ceremony, the gift being sent to the home of the Mayor early in the morning. It was deeply appreciated by Mayor Moore and also Mrs. Moore.

As an evidence of their appreciation of the interest that Councilman Jas. M. Hall, of the department of public safety, and Chief Nathan Williams have always taken in their welfare, the members of the Wilmington Police department yesterday presented both the foregoing officials with handsome umbrellas.

DR. HURT ORATOR AT THE EXERCISES OF COMMANDERY

Wilmington Knights Templar Hold Christmas Exercises at Masonic Temple

In common with every other Commandery in the United States and the world, Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, held Christmas exercises yesterday at noon. The celebration was held in the Masonic Temple and was attended by impressive ceremonies.

Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, was the orator and delivered an eloquent address on the principles of the order.

CHRISTMAS TREE TONIGHT.

Sunday School of St. Matthew's Church to Have Entertainment.

The annual Christmas service of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the church. There will be a large Christmas tree with gifts for the children and a splendid programme of songs, recitations and other exercises. The public is cordially invited to attend.

TO HAVE JOINT RECEPTION

Members of Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Are Planning for Social Events to be Given Monday, January 1.

Members of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association are looking forward with much pleasure to the annual New Year's reception which will be held this year by the two associations as a joint event at the Y. M. C. A. building on Monday afternoon and evening. The main event will be in the evening from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock for the senior members of the associations, while the reception for the Junior Divisions of the two organizations will probably be held in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A.

The reception in the evening will be an elaborate affair. The first joint reception was held three years ago and proved so successful that it has been continued ever since, and is held alternately at the two association buildings. Last year it was held at the Y. W. C. A., so it is the Y. M. C. A. which will be the meeting place this year.

The members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and their wives and husbands will act as a reception committee, and leave nothing undone to make the evening an enjoyable occasion for all who come.

There will be a special series of athletic events in the gymnasium, including basketball games and tumbling and other exhibition work. An orchestra will furnish music in the lobby, and there will also be a special musical programme.

BIGGEST EVENT OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON TONIGHT.

Christmas Tree at Salvation Army Hall When Gifts Will be Given.

One of the happiest bunch of children to be seen in Wilmington this Christmas season will be at the Salvation army hall, corner Front and Dock streets, tonight at 7:30 o'clock when the annual Christmas tree entertainment will take place. This will be the biggest event of the season, so far as these children are concerned, and also from the standpoint of those who have taken a part in providing this feature.

There will be songs and recitations and other features and then Santa Claus will appear on the scene and relieve the big tree of its burden of presents. There will be presents for more than 300 children. This will be children's night and they will be shown the preference but the older ones are invited. As long as there is a place in the building, the general public is invited to come.

In addition to the dinners for 100 families which the Salvation Army sent out Saturday, 20 loads of wood were distributed to needy families. This was made possible through the generosity of a Wilmington woman.

Adjutant Yates is very grateful to all who have helped to make it possible for him to provide a merry Christmas for many families in this city.

REV. DR. MILTON AT BOYS' SERVICE AT LOCAL Y. M. C. A.

Tells of Lessons to be Drawn From Christ's Birth.

Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milliton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, was the speaker at a special Christmas service for the members of the Boys' League at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock Sunday.

The boys showed the greatest interest in Dr. Milton's splendid address which dealt with the life of Christ, a special Christmas message. The speaker pointed out that Christ was born in poverty, and bearing this fact in mind no one need be ashamed of being poor. He also referred to the fact that He was born in a manger, because there was no room in the inn. Dr. Milton said that it was not because the people of the inn were mean or cruel that this happened, but rather because they were thought less and too much wrapped up in their own affairs, and for this reason Mary, the mother of Jesus, was crowded out. He pointed out that this thing was happening today. People are so wrapped up in themselves and their business that Christ is crowded out of their lives.

SANTA CLAUSING EPISODE

What Happened At One Home In Wilmington on Sunday Night

Santa Claus visited practically every Wilmington home Sunday night and brought many presents to the children. It happened that in some instances the children were determined to get a look at the old gentleman. This is the way it happened at one home, according to the father:

Midnight—Children chased off to bed.

1 a. m.—One kid awakes!

2 a. m.—Two kids dying of thirst! Must have water or death will result.

3 a. m.—Oldest girl wants to see if cat is in the pantry.

4 a. m.—Three kids want to know: "Has he come?"

5 a. m. Santa does his stunt, with the trees, stockings. Good work!

6 a. m. —Takes cash inventory. Finds one lone quarter, Oh joy! He'll get a hair cut Tuesday.

6:30 a. m.—"Everybody looked out for: Kids, kid friends of kids, mama, aunts, uncles, cousins, the cook, washerwoman, et alius! Now to bed! Duty done! No bets overlooked! Snores!

7 a. m.—Door bell rings long and loud. Kid at door solicits aid for the suffering fireworks manufacturers of New Jersey! He's a "newsie" from the Morning Star. Boy gets quarter. Good night. Moral—Safety first! (curtain).

SERVICES AT ACME.

Rev. J. S. Crowley Preached Twice Sunday—Five Unite With Church.

Appropriate services for the Christmas season were held at the Acme Presbyterian church both Sunday morning and Sunday night by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Mr. Crowley preached two fitting sermons and as a consequence five young people expressed a desire to give themselves to Christ as a Christmas gift and were united with the church. The parents of one little child dedicated it to God by baptism.

Mr. Crowley conducts services every fourth Sunday in the Acme church. The church has just been beautifully decorated and painted throughout the interior and presents a pleasing appearance to the artistic eye. Acme is a prosperous and thriving little town.

ANNOUNCING

Our Next Regular Interest Quarter

January 2nd

Your Deposit, made with this bank on or before the above date will have the advantage of drawing Interest from the New Year—the first of January—and will receive credit for a full quarter's interest three months from date. Begin the New Year and success with the "People's."

—OLD AND STRONG—

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

Christmas Greetings.

It is a commonplace that Christmas comes when you least expect it. The moral would seem to be that if the years are so fleeting, one can ill afford to miss the universal opportunity for sentiment which Christmas affords. We wish first of all to reiterate our appreciation of your patronage, and to express the hope that we deserve it. We wish also to extend to you the seasons greetings, not in the perfunctory spirit of custom, as between a bank and its clients, but in the genuine spirit of cordiality which happily obtains between The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company and its friends. We trust that the passing year has come up to your expectations, and that the coming year may exceed them. And we wish you the happiest Christmas you ever had.

Officers and Directors of

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

HALF MILLION CARDS MAILED

Increase of 15 Per Cent. In Other Mail But Wilmington Office Will Finish Up Today

While a conservative estimate places the number of Christmas cards handled by the Wilmington postoffice at a half million and actual figures show an increase of 15 per cent in the number of Christmas parcels mailed nevertheless Postmaster H. McL. Green and his efficient corps of assistants will be able to clear the office of all mail by this afternoon.

When it is considered that this increase in mail has been handled by the same force as last year without additional help and when other postoffices throughout the country are running from two to five days behind time, this is indeed a remarkable record. The postoffice would have been cleared by last night had the entire force been kept on duty yesterday, but in accordance with the usual custom, many of them were given time to be with their families.

There was a very small pile of packages in the office last night and none was left except that which is to be taken out by the regular carriers today. One delivery was made by the carriers yesterday.

Both Postmaster Green and Assistant Postmaster Elliott are loud in their praise of the general spirit of patience manifested by the public. There has been little tendency to find fault and this has resulted in greater efficiency on the part of the postoffice employes. They have been made to feel that their efforts to serve the public during the holiday season is deeply appreciated.

The admonition to mail early was observed more generally this year than ever before and this has helped very materially in enabling the parcels to be sent out on time. While the post office lobby was crowded every day last week, there was no wild scramble and there was a very noticeable air of quietness. The mailing of packages was effected with a minimum degree of delay.

The number of large sacks of Christmas parcels handled by the local office from December 20th to December 25th inclusive was 1,438 as compared with 1,258, an increase of 15 per cent. The number of incoming packages would have been considerably increased, but for the fact that connection with south bound train 89 at Rocky Mount was missed yesterday. The average number of parcels to the sack was 50, which make the total number more than 70,000.

Never before have there been so many Christmas cards mailed. There are 30,000 persons living in Wilmington and some of these mailed out hundreds of cards and received as many more. There must have been close on to a half million mailed during the holiday—at least the postoffice clerks who handled them feel that there must have been that many.

HERE WITH LIVESTOCK

Mr. Gene Henderson Here at Mills' Stables on Dock Street

Mr. Gene Henderson, of South Dakota, is here for the Winter months at the stables of Mr. F. T. Mills on Dock street and during his stay here will carry at all times from 50 to 100 head of livestock, horses, mules etc., and will be glad to have the people of this city and section call and inspect them. Fifty fine animals have just arrived and are now on exhibition at the Mills stables. The lot contains good horses and mules for every purpose, including some Western stock that will be found quite valuable and at very reasonable prices.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

RELIEVES SORE, TIGHT CHESTS

THE Spirit of the Season Prompts Us to Express to You Our Thanks for the Business You Have Entrusted to Us and We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year With Prosperity and All Good Fortunes.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Aileen Lowry, of Aurora, is spending the holidays with her uncle, Mr. J. D. Lowry, of this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huntington are visiting Mr. Huntington's father, Mr. G. C. Huntington, of Charlotte.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Megow returned last night from Kerr, N. C., where they spent the Christmas week-end.

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Mr. R. D. Cronly, Jr., a student at the University of Virginia, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Miss Mary Lou Cobb, a sister of Prof. Cobb, of the University of North Carolina, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Neil G. Shaw.

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Mrs. Neil G. Shaw has as her house guest, her sons, Dr. Colin Shaw, of Maysville, N. C., and Mr. John Shaw, of Chester, Pa.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Miss Helen Barblett, of Wilmington, is visiting friends and relatives in the city."

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Mr. and Mrs. Meares Harriss and Master Meares Harriss, Jr., are spending the holidays in Raleigh with Mrs. Harriss' parents, Col. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson.

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Mrs. Louis Williams, of Audubon, has as her house guests, her brother, Mr. Gravatt St. John Longest and her nephew, Mr. Gravatt Longest, both of Richmond, Va.

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Fayetteville Observer, Saturday: "Miss Nellie Cook, of Wilmington, will arrive tonight to spend the holidays at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma Owen."

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Mr. Dan Sawyer, who is a student at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, is at home at Winnabow to spend the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Johnson.

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Miss Alice Sawyer, of Winnabow, who is a student at Vassar College, was in Wilmington Saturday on her way to spend the holidays with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Holmes announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carolyn Holmes, to Mr. Robert Lamar Henley, formerly of Richmond, Va., now of this city. The wedding will take place in April.

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Mrs. Phillip Warland Delano has returned to Wilmington after an absence of six months which was spent with Rear Admiral and Mrs. Francis H. Delano at Portsmouth, N. H., and with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Latimer, Jr., in Auburn, N. Y.

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Mr. Emple Latimer, who for some months past has been in the American Ambulance Corps in Northern France, has returned to this country and is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer on South Third street.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Miss Nancy Anderson has arrived home from Wilmington to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Anderson, at their home on North Graham street. Miss Anderson is secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in Wilmington."

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Mr. J. C. McAllister, formerly of this city but now superintendent of streets for the city of Fayetteville, and Mrs. McAllister and children spent the holidays with Mrs. McAllister's mother, Mrs. S. H. Swain, on South Third street. Mr. McAllister will return this morning to Fayetteville but Mrs. McAllister will remain for a few days.

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Sunday's Greensboro News: "Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Wheat and little daughter went to Wilmington yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives. From Wilmington Mr. Wheat expects to go to Washington for a visit.——S. W. Bagley left yesterday for Wilmington to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bagley and little daughter, who are visiting relatives there.

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Mr. Adrian F. J. Uelman and Miss Viola B. Mayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Mayer, were married Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 605 Queen street, in the presence of a few invited friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. The young couple will make their home at No. 17 South Second street. The groom is employed in the Wilmington Iron Works. Mr. and Mrs. Uelman both have many friends who will be interested in learning of their wedding.

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Mrs. F. B. Clausen left last night for Rochester, N. Y., to be with her sister, Mrs. F. C. Stehler, whose husband, Mr. F. C. Stehler, died suddenly Christmas day at his home in that city. Rev. and Mrs. Clausen had received a telegram on Sunday that their relative had suffered a stroke, but it was not anticipated that the end was so near.

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Mr. Arthur C. Andrews, of Evansville, Ind., and Miss Annie Mae Peterson, daughter of Mrs. Laura Peterson, were married yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, No. 610 South Third street. The marriage was very quiet and was attended only by intimate friends of the family. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. Immediately after the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left on the 3:45 train for their future home in Evansville. The bride is an accomplished young woman with many friends in this city. The groom was formerly in the United States service at Fort Caswell.

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HUGGINS-WALTON WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT BURGAW.

Friends in this city will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Eula Marie Huggins, daughter of Mr. T. L. Huggins, of this city, to Mr. Clarence Hugh Walton, of Newport News, Va., which took place at the parsonage of the Methodist Church at Burgaw, at 7:30 P. M., Sunday, December 24th.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Weston, in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Walton will take up their residence in Newport News, for which place they left following the ceremony.

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BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING CELEBRATED AT CURRIE

Currie, N. C., Dec. 25.—A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. R. Hilburn, of Currie, at 3.30 p. m. December 20, when Miss Viola Hilburn became the bride of Mr. Johnny I. Carroll, Rev. E. L. Weston, of Burgaw, officiating, using the ring ceremony. The home was beautifully decorated with greenery for the occasion, a color scheme of green and white being carried out most artistically.

The bride was attired in a traveling suit of navy blue broadcloth trimmed with fur and carried a large bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. S. L. Moore, as dame of honor. The groom was attended by Mr. R. D. Pridgen, as best man. The little Misses Mary Smith and Hazel Mintz acted as ring-bearer and flower girl. The bridesmaids were: Miss Thyra Hufham, with Mr. Roy bride, with Mr. Will Lewis; Miss Ruth Kornegay, with Mr. Gurney Hufham; Miss Thra Hufham, with Mr. Roy Moore. Miss Cornelia Pridgen played the wedding march from Lohengrin, as the bride and groom and attendants marched forward.

Refreshments were served after the ceremony. The great number of friends present, together with the many beautiful and useful presents received, attested the popularity of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll boarded the 7:15 train at Currie for Tampa, Fla., and other Southern cities, to spend their honeymoon. They will be at home at Currie, N. C., after December 30.

DELGADO SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Interesting Programme of Exercises to be Carried Out Tonight.

An interesting Christmas entertainment will be given by the Sunday school of the Delgado Baptist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock under the supervision of Mr. L. W. Moore, superintendent. The public is cordially invited to attend. Following is the programme:

Song—"Joy to the World," by school.
Prayer by Mr. D. H. Wilcox.
Welcome by Master James Fickling.
Scripture lesson by primary department children.
Song—"Low in the Manger," by six little girls.
Recitation by Georgia Smith.
Acrostic by 13 children.
Song—"Luther's Cradle Song" by primary department children.
Recitations—"What Child is This?" by Eleanor Skipper, Edna Gurganus and Gladys Wood.
Christmas quotations by five boys and five girls.
Song by the Sunday School.
Recitation—"Christmas Day," by Miss Alberta Johnson.
Recitation—"Santa Claus," by Miss Alma Hester.
Recitation—"O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Miss Lila Webb.
Song—"Santa Claus is Coming," by primary department.
Recitation by Shelby Russ.
Address by Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D.

MORE THAN 1,000 WITNESS "THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

Matinee and Evening Performances at Academy Are Largely Attended.

More than 1,000 Wilmingtonians turned out yesterday to witness the return engagement of "The Birth of a Nation," at the matinee and evening performances of D. W. Griffith's marvelous and epoch-making production at the Academy of Music. This popular attraction which has a special appeal and enlists the sympathy to a peculiar degree of the people of this section, many of whom lived through the scenes depicted.

That this is true is shown by the fact that many who attended the play yesterday had seen it the last time it was in Wilmington. Their deep appreciation of its significance and soul-stirring scenes was evidenced by the spontaneous and long-continued applause of the patriotic and tragic events thrown on the screen. The splendid musical programme rendered by the large orchestra which travels with the picture from city to city, added much to the effectiveness of the work of the moving picture stars and others who participated in this greatest of all camera productions.

MAN WITH CHRONIC COUGH

Tells How Vinol Stopped It and Built Him Up.

Jackson, Miss.—"I am a carpenter, and the grippe left me with a chronic cough, run-down, worn-out and weak. I took all kinds of cough syrups without help. I read about Vinol and decided to try it. Before I had taken a bottle I felt better, and after taking two bottles my cough is entirely cured, and I have gained new vim and energy."—John L. Dennis.

Vinol is a delicious combination of beef and cod liver peptones, iron and manganese peptonates, and glycerophosphates, guaranteed to overcome all run-down, weak, devitalized conditions and for chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis.

We will return your money if Vinol fails to benefit you.

Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist, Wilmington. Also at the leading drug store in all North Carolina towns.

Saxol Salve
REMOVES SKIN AFFECTIONS
One package proves it. Sold and guaranteed by above Vinol druggist.

PASTOR GIVEN AUTOMOBILE

Few Friends of First Baptist Church Congregation Remember Dr. Hurt With Christmas Gift

A few friends of the congregation of the First Baptist church remembered the pastor, Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, with a very substantial Christmas gift yesterday, this being a five passenger model 85 Overland touring car. The gift was a personal one from these friends, who wished to show their appreciation of the splendid service that Dr. Hurt is rendering as pastor of the church.

The automobile was carried around to the home of Dr. Hurt yesterday morning and Mr. N. M. McEachern in a short speech told the minister that the car was his to use as he felt best. He assured Dr. Hurt that the gift was without strings of any kind and also stated that Mrs. Hurt was to have an interest in it. He expressed the hope that the car would prove to be of great help to him in his ministerial work.

Dr. Hurt spent a part of the afternoon in getting acquainted with the mechanism of the car and hopes in a few days to be able to operate it successfully. Mr. H. L. Fennell acted as the minister's mentor in getting the "hang" of running it.

Dr. Hurt expressed his very deep and sincere appreciation of the gift and assured those presenting it that he accepted the car in the spirit that it was given and that it would be used in his daily ministry with the greater pleasure because it was an expression of a desire for service to humanity.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ON THE JOB THROUGHOUT DAY.

Chief Charles Schnibben and His Loyal Cohorts Are Kept Busy, Too.

Wilmington residents had reason yesterday to be thankful that they have a fire department that stays on the job all the time—Christmas or no Christmas. There were five calls received yesterday and while none of them amounted to much, so far as damage is concerned, several might have started serious conflagrations had it not been for the promptness of the firemen in responding to calls.

Fire Chief Schnibben and his loyal and faithful cohorts stayed on the job all day and were kept pretty busy. The first call came in at 9:35 A. M. from the residence of Mr. G. A. Cardwell, No. 318 Ann street. This happened to be nothing more serious than a burning chimney which was quickly subdued.

The next alarm came in by telephone at 12:30 and was on account of a burning tree in front of the residence of Mr. G. F. Seitter, No. 723 South Fourth street. No damage of consequence resulted.

Simultaneously at 6:50 the firemen were called out from box 22 on account of small conflagrations started by exploding fireworks at Second and Market streets, where Mr. Frank Peiffer had a fireworks stand, and at No. 213 South Front street at a fireworks stand run by Saffo Bros. Both conflagrations produced much noise and the exploding crackers made quite an imposing spectacle. The firemen soon put a quietus on both blazes and the damage done was not great.

At 7:10 o'clock the firemen were called to Sixth and Red Cross streets on account of a small blaze started by fireworks. No damage was done.

REMEMBER THE NEEDY.

Members of Southside Baptist Church Distribute Gifts to Poor.

It was a happy gathering at Southside Baptist church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock when members of the church and their friends assembled for a short service before starting out on the pleasant mission of distributing gifts to the needy. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Hall. More than $100 worth of gifts were distributed and the sunshine of Christmas cheer was thus brought to many homes.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Brunswick Eagle: "R. D. White is running double jitney service between Shallotte and Wilmington this week. One car leaves Shallotte in the morning and makes round trip, and one leaves Wilmington in the morning and makes round trip."

—Miss Doshia May Walker and Mr. Willie M. McNeil were married at Sunday at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. C. Walker, of Delgado. The ceremony was performed by Justice G. W. Bornemann. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil will take up their residence in this city.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SELLERS

Services Were Conducted Sunday Afternoon From Residence

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine A. Sellers, who died at her home, No. 111 Meares street, Saturday afternoon, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from her late residence. The services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. Interment was made at Bellevue cemetery.

The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. R. A. Hart, R. H. Burnett, L. C. Gore, H. M. Wolf, W. M. Baldwin and W. V. Herring.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Oscar Keller, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., is in Washington, D. C., visiting friends.

—Mr. Odis B. Hinnant is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Richmond, Va.

DEFENDS CENSORSHIP

Englishman Says Criticism Has Been Too Severe.

(Washington Post).

"British censorship has been unjustly condemned in America," observed John Huggins, a solicitor of London, at the Willard. "The censorship, I admit, is severe, but no more severe on the American than on the Englishman. The charge that the information disclosed regarding legitimate trade operations is taken advantage of by British tradesmen to forward their interests is ridiculous. Censors are absolutely confined to giving to the government information of a military character found in correspondence. The censors are, as a rule, incompetent to pass on commercial information.

"It is strange, but true, that the people of England are more in the dark as to war conditions than are the people of the United States. This being so, why should they be more enlightened as to commercial matters? Information contained in correspondence, unless it has a military significance, is not forwarded to headquarters.

"England was tremendously interested in the presidential contest, because the people felt that a stronger hand was needed at the helm. The President, they felt, is well meaning, but his best intentions have not been in accordance with Britain's idea of the position of a great nation."

Regarding Ireland and home rule, Mr. Huggins said that the best part of Ireland does not want home rule.

"Ireland today has a liberal form of government," said Mr. Huggins. "England cannot afford to set her free, for she cannot be trusted. If Ireland were free today, German troops could be landed on Iris hsofi and Ireland could be used as a base for German operations. The Irish sympathizer in the United States does not know all the conditions, so he is not in a position to judge."

FOOD PRICES COMPARED.

Highest in New Haven, Lowest in Kansas City.

(Chicago Dispatch).

New Haven, Conn., is the costliest place in the country to buy foodstuffs at retail, and Kansas City, Mo., the cheapest, according to a table of statistics submitted to the City Council today by Alderman Nance, chairman of the committee investigating the cost of living in Chicago. The investigation covered 24 cities and the statistics give the average prices of 20 acres of food, which in New Haven was 45 cents and in Kansas City 22 cents.

The table indicates that New Haven pays at the ordinary meat market 30 cents a pound for a cut of sirloin that sells for 22 cents at Kansas City, but New Haven can buy sliced bacon for 22 cents, while Kansas City must pay 37 cents. A New Haven dressed chicken costs 31 cents, while at Kansas City one may be ha dat 21 1-2 cents a pound. In the matter of eggs, the Missouri city has a great advantage, for strictly fresh eggs are quoted at 40 cents a dozen, while at New Haven the quotation is 75 cents. Butter costs from 3 to 4 cents more in the Connecticut city than it does on the banks of the Kaw, but 15 pounds of potatoes bring 10 cents more. New Haven pays 1-4 cent more for sugar.

NATIVE OF WILMINGTON WILL BE APPOINTED

(Continued From Page Five).

He is a Democrat by faith and conviction, a Baptist by choice, and a bachelor either by choice or necessity. He is popular with all classes of people and is probably called upon to deliver public addresses more frequently than any other man in Durham. His addresses always please and enlighten.

"Judge Sykes is in every way qualified by training, experience and legal efficiency to perform the duties of assistant attorney general of North Carolina and his appointment to this high office will be gratifying to a host of friends throughout North Carolina and through him the State will be served with ability, diligence and fidelity."

The Store That Sells Wooltex

Tuesday, January 2nd

All Coats and Coat Suits Will be Sold at Half Price

A. D. BROWN

UNCLE DIES IN WASHINGTON

Rev. E. DeF. Heald Leaves to Attend Funeral of Col. Thos. N. Wood

Rev. E. DeF. Heald, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, left Christmas night for Washington, D. C., to which place he was called on account of the sudden death of his uncle, Col. Thos. N. Wood, of the United States Marine Corps.

Col. Wood was a native of Raleigh and came of a family which was distinguished in the service of its country in the Naval Service. Col. Wood was the son of the late Mr. W. W. Wood, Engineer-in-chief of the United States Navy, for a number of years.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HEWETT

Services Were Held at Residence In Delgado Sunday Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Hewett, who died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital Friday night, were conducted from her late residence in Delgado Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Andrew J. Howell. Interment was made in Bellevue cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Joel Walker, Asbury Little, John Hall, S. Thorp, G. F. Smith and W. M. Skipper.

It Works! Try It

Tells how to loosen a sore, tender corn so it lifts out without pain.

Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezone, the ether discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

Ask at any pharmacy for a quarter ounce of freezone, which will cost very little, but is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callous.

You apply just a few drops on the tender, aching corn and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the adjoining tissue.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

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FRENCH IVORY
—AND—
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—AND—
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"A Trial Is All We Ask"

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USEFUL GIFTS ARE APPRECIATED MOST OF ALL.

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EYES EXAMINED FREE.

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5000 RACCOON SKINS
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1000 MINK SKINS
HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID.
SHIPMENTS SOLICITED.
We Pay Express or Freight. Quotations Furnished.

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Valier's Dainty Flour is made of finest flavored wheat; milled by a special slow process, which saves all of the fine flavor; then sifted through silk to make its texture extra fine. It is *quality* flour and gives *quality* results in baking. Have your grocer send you Valier's Dainty *next* time you need flour.

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Special Sale on Real Values

MONDAY —— TUESDAY —— WEDNESDAY	
River View Asparagus	13c per can
Del Monte Peaches	22c per can
4-lb. Can Snow Drift	65c per can
10-lb Can Snow Drift	$1.60 per can
24-lb. Bag Best Flour	$1.25 per bag

GENUINE COURTESY ATTENDS EVERY ORDER.

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For a Christmas Gift? We Have a Large Assortment in Felt and Leather, for Men, Women and Children.

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THE IRON MEN

The Iron Men wish to Thank You for All the Business Given Us for 1916, and Hope We Have Served You Satisfactorily, and Solicit Your Orders for the Coming Year 1917.

With Best Wish to All Our Friends for a Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

WILMINGTON IRON WORKS
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MARKETS

CLEWS' WEEKLY LETTER

Stock Market Operations During Past Week Governed Entirely by Peace Possibilities

New York, Dec. 23.—Stock market operations have been governed entirely by peace possibilities. The frank desire of Germany for peace has been freely admitted; while the unwillingness of the Allies to grant peace upon any terms which Germany would likely accept was equally recognized, and the possibility of peace therefore appears to be still remote. Mr. Wilson's attempt to hasten proceedings by asking the belligerents to name their terms may prove to be of some influence, or it may not. It is to be devoutly hoped that the President will be successful in this effort, but the outcome cannot be foretold at this writing. The Secretary of State's outspoken statement about this country's exposed condition brought to the front a new situation which proved seriously confusing in the stock market. The war stocks received a sharp blow on belief that their extraordinary profits had reached their high point and must in future decline, if not altogether stop before many months expire. Inside selling, profit taking, forced liquidation, powerful bear raids, and discrimination by banks against such stocks as collateral served to intensify the decline, which at times reached the point of positive demoralization. The situation was further mystified by activities here on German account. Among these was the announced preparations of the two great German trans-atlantic steam ship lines to resume service upon short notice, if necessary. German exchange advanced sharply. Wheat declined upon war developments; so likewise did cotton, copper, lead and certain other commodities. In short, the whole trend of both security and commodity markets showed the beginning of a general movement to discount peace.

The point of view regarding the war has completely changed. All minds are now turned towards peace; hence the collapse and semi-panic in many of the industrials on the Stock Exchange. The decline, however, was chiefly the result of an overbought market, which induced fresh caution in banking circles, a sharp calling in of loans and forced liquidation of weakly margined accounts. The severe fall in many shares would seem to be unreasonable and out of all proportion to changes in intrinsic conditions or values. Success on part of the bears made them exceedingly aggressive, and their raids resulted in shifting large amounts of stocks from weak into strong hands.

Liquidation of stocks certainly relieved the money market, and the situation in this respect is much better than when the Federal Reserve Board warning was issued several weeks ago Reserves of Clearing House banks should show considerable improvement in this week's bank statement in consequence of a contraction of loans and gold imports. Additional shipments of the precious metal amounting to $14,700,000 arrived this week from Canada, making total imports of $616,700,000 since January 1st. Our banking and credit situation is generally sound and whatever caution may have been exercised by the banks has been for the purpose of restraining excessive speculation rather than from any lack of confidence in their own strength. The national banks, it may be safely affirmed, are in an exceedingly satisfactory position.

The railroad outlook is promising, earnings both gross and net showing very encouraging gains. Traffic continues heavy, and the scarcity of cars, though less acute, is still an impediment which cannot be effectually dealt with until the supply is increased or traffic diminished. Of the latter there are no symptoms at present. Controversies over the Adamson bill and friction with labor are among the shadows under which railroad managers are laboring. Nevertheless, the railroad outlook is brighter than it has been for several years and the manner in which these shares have resisted recent weakness in the stock market proves the more favorable opinion in which they are now held.

On Thursday the market made a sensational break and transactions amounted to over 3,000,000 shares. Liquidation was greatly intensified by exhausted margins, and the heavy selling of Western account. President Wilson's note urging the belligerents to name their peace terms caused some uneasiness at first but was subsequently better received as it became evident that it would not provoke friction with any of the nations at war. Much more concern was felt over Mr. Lansing's intimations that this country was drawing nearer to the "verge of war" owing to the persistent interference of foreign powers with the rights of neutrals. The alarm which this caused had much to do with the semi-panic which occurred on Thursday afternoon, and the decline was only partly checked by the more assuring explanations which came from the same source later in the day. Whether the liquidation has run its course or not is difficult to say at this writing. Some weak spots which successful bears may be tempted to uncover still remain. On the other hand the speculative situation has been greatly improved by the recent liquidation; there has been much good buying at the lower level and many desirable stocks are selling really below intrinsic values. The drop in prices since the present fall in values began about a month ago when I commenced to urge caution and discrimination in the selection of stocks to buy. Since which the fall in prices has been unusual, and that no serious consequences have followed is substantial proof of general soundness in the financial situation. Strictly war industrials will, of course, be in more or less disfavor from now on, even if peace is deferred. For the better class of industrials not dependent upon war profits there is a good outlook, because of generally satisfactory business conditions. The most promising division of the market, however, at this time is the railroad section, based upon better prospects in this industry, and the fact that these shares have been neglected through the overshadowing speculation in industrials as well as foreign selling and the familiar obstacle against which they have had to contend for over a decade. Now that the railroads are sharing the country's prosperity, they are likely to come more into favor among buyers and recover a share of their former activity. There is no doubt that speculation for the rise in the war industrials had been carried to precarious proportions. Warnings of caution went unheeded and the inevitble collapse came promptly when the minds and desires of the warring nations turned from war to peace. This episode of the market is probably closed, for henceforth world will be headed for peace, not destruction and organized murder.

HENRY CLEWS

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Chippewa, Maguire, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Holfasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—54 1-4c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Holiday.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin .....(—)

Tar .....

Crude Turpentine 4

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 41 barrels; tar, 89 barrels; crude turpentine 5 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Nominal; same day last year, holiday.

Receipts—204 bales; same day last year, holiday.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 72,719 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 134,650 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 23, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—204 bales cotton; 57 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Thelma—14 barrels tar.

Total—204 bales cotton; 71 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 23.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 35c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 23.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 68c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 26, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.11 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Sunday, 6 feet, feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina Fair Tuesday; Wednesday probably rain.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 26, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:16 A. M.

Sun sets .....5:10 P. M.

Day's length .....9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	10:59	11:04	5:49	6:31
Southport	8:49	9:08	3:33	3:20
Masonboro Inl	8:35	8:57	2:13	3:00

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 25, 1916.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation in 24 P.M.
Abilene	clear	52	44	.0
Asheville	clear	74	36	.0
Atlanta	cldy	58	44	.0
Augusta	cldy	62	48	.0
Baltimore	clear	44	—	.0
Birmingh.	rain	56	44	.0
Boston	clear	32	28	.0
Charleston	cldy	60	54	.0
Charlotte	clear	56	38	.0
Chicago	cldy	32	20	.0
Galveston	cldy	66	58	.44
Jacksonv	cldy	64	58	.01
Memphis	cldy	54	42	.0
Mobile	rain	62	56	.60
Montgom'y	cldy	62	54	.0
New Orl	rain	68	56	2.42
New York	clear	40	30	.0
Oklahoma	cldy	56	38	.0
Palestine	cldy	66	56	.10
Pittsburg	clear	32	30	.0
Raleigh	clear	56	42	.0
Savannah	rain	66	54	.01
Shreveport	pt cldy	68	50	.04
St. Louis	clear	38	26	.0
Washing'n	clear	42	28	.0

CLEMENT S. RUSSELL DEAD.

Well Known Business Man of Fayetteville Passes Away.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Clement S. Russell, well known business man of this city, died in the Highsmith Hospital here Sunday afternoon, where he was carried Saturday night in the final stages of diabetes. Mr. Russell had been suffering from the disease for some time but the news of his death was a shock to his many friends in North and South Carolina. Two of his sisters, Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Russell, arrived here Sunday afternoon and entered the door of the hospital just as their brother died. Mr. Russell was from one of the best families of South Carolina, being a native of Spartanburg, where his aged mother lives. He also leaves four sisters and a brother.

He was proprietor of the Carolina Machine Company, one of the largest industries of its kind in this section, and was a generous and public-spirited man. The unqualified esteem of his employes was always his.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 23. — Spanish, Farmers Stock—Market steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo 4c to 41-2 c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾ c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c to 3¾ c.; Shelling Stock, 3c. to 3½c.

ROAST BEEF AT $7 A POUND FROM THE STOCK SHOW CHAMPION

When the grand champion steer, California Favorite, sold for $1.75 a pound as he stood in the ring, it meant a new record for the "cost of high living," nearly seven dollars a pound for the best cuts of this Christmas baby beef. Many cities bid, but Detroit will eat the beef.

Never before did a beef steer bring such a price, $1.50 a pound being the nearest approach to it. Boy victors of Iowa's Baby beef contests stood open-eyed while the bidding, started at 5 cents a pound, jumped up and up. The sale was made for the University of California by Clay, Robinson & Company in just nine minutes. Chicago packers bid high, but Mose Greenwald for a Detroit house added his defiant nickle after nickle by a nod until, "$1.75 a pound, sold," shouted the auctioneer. Wires went to the automobile city to prepare to parade the grand champion bought at a price of $1,960. For Christmas rib roasts that is a fabulous figure.

Not a kernel of corn had been fed to this California champion—no other grain than barley. In breeding it was a Hereford sire by a Shorthorn dam, stall fed by an Aberdonian herdsman, Alex McDonald. "The best calf ever shown on the continent," was the claim by the head of the victorious college after paying tribute to McDonald.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
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NOTABLE ADDITION TO SCIENCE OF SURGERY

Dr. Carrel's Method of Treatment of Septic Wounds.

No Single Discovery in the Course of the Present War Has Rivalled the Achievement of Dr. Alexis Carrel in Europe

New York, Dec. 25.—Great as have been the surgical achievements in the course of the present war, there has been as yet no single discovery that has rivalled Dr. Alexis Carrel's method of the treatment of septic wounds as the most notable addition to surgical science, according to a senior surgeon of the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly, near Paris, who has just returned to this country. "The French hospitals are slowly adopting the Carrel method" he said, "and in the American Ambulance Hospital we have been using it for several months with gratifying results which seem to show that Dr. Carrel has proved his thesis.

"The reduction of septic wound treatment to an almost mathematical basis is a feature of the Carrel method that suggests the fanciful thought of the possibility that the day may come when a surgeon's work will in some respects be like that of a train dispatcher. Having brought to him from day to day the miscroscope count of the germs in a given wound, the surgeon may perhaps figure with preciseness the day on which the wound will be in shape to close completely. The two-hourly irrigation of the wound by the Dakin or other solution, is a highly important feature of the Carrel method, but the most interesting factor is the daily microscope count of the germs. These germs are taken from given areas of the wound, placed under a microscope and counted, and from this count the progress of the healing is gauged. There are perhaps less germs today than yesterday, so many less tomorrow; and so the rate of the diminishing suppuration is established. The surgeon, almost without looking at the wound, can determine, when the count gets down to a given number, that it is safe to close it.

"The American Ambulance Hospital is the best single thing which America can do for France," he said. "The hospital has been at all times since its establishment two years ago one of the best hospitals in the world; it enjoys the confidence of the French Sanitary service to such a degree that it ordinarily receives only the most difficult cases. The most severe shell wounds are constantly encountered. There are scores of young American surgeons who, from time to time serving at the hospital, have become familiar with these phases of surgery. They may rarely have occasion to ues this knowledge in their ordinary civilian practice at home, but should the United States be at war within the next generation it will find that many of its surgeons in civilian practice are acquainted with every sort of wound now known in warfare. At the hospital, further, there has been constant co-operation between the surgeons and dentists. An ordinary operation is that of grafting bone cut from the tibia or shin bone into the lower jaw. I have seen young soldiers so frightfully wounded in the fact that had they been my sons I should have almost preferred they should have died, but it is not for the surgeons to let the spark of life be extinguished through neglect of surgical science.

"The appreciation, gratitude and entire simplicity of the wounded French soldier is something that 'gets one' absoluetly. I have never seen the slightest resemblance to anything that could be called bravado in his makeup. The American surgeons feel that they cannot b kind enough to the soldiers.

"All through France the efficiency of the American Ambulance Hospital has become known, and distinguished surgical men are daily visitors. They come not only from the French hospitals, but from all of the Allied and neutral countries, examining with particular interest the many forms of special apparatus which the Americans have developed for the management of fractured extremities. These devices have been originated and improved upon largely by the younger members of our surgical staff. When a young surgeon comes to us from America for service at the hospital he is assigned to a ward with a request that he improve the apparatus—and it is rarely that he fails to do so. It has been wonderful for the older men to see how readily and successfully the younger men have taken up this work.

"There are probably 1,500 wounded soldiers under the American ambulance surgeons at this moment. There are 675 in the hospital at Neuilly, and a thousand more in auxiliary hospitals under our care. At Neuilly the entire hospital force, including the orderlies and other attendants, numbers some 500 men and women. Among them we have many of birth and education serving as orderlies. An Episcopal clergyman of Philadelphia did this work all summer and an American college professor who came in asking simply for "something to do" has been very valuable in taking the hostories of cases.

"The spirit of the wounded themselves is seen in a little incident that recently occurred at Neuilly. One little soldier who had been nicknamed by his comrades 'Tout Petit,' had both of his arms shattered. One of his comrades in the hospital had lost a leg, and two others had each a shattered arm. These four had so far recovered that they asked permission to dine at a little restaurant outside the hospital. They were granted this, but came back late, and the chief nurse gave them a friendly—very friendly—scolding. The one-legged man said: 'You must not blame me, Miss. You see, I had to cut food for the other three, and 'Tout Petit' didn't have any arm, so I had to feed him. By that time I myself got so hungry that I ate more than I should, and that's why we were late."

Newport, R. I., Dec. 25.—S. O. S. calls from the steamer Maryland were picked up at the naval radio station here early today. Coast guard cutters were ordered to proceed to the steamer's assistance.

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FIRST MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE FOR FAYETTEVILLE

Elks Lodge Gives Packages to 650 Children—Singing a Feature

(Special Star Correspondence)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Fayetteville's first community Christmas tree was attended with appropriate opening exercises last night, culminating in the distribution of Christmas packages to 650 children by the local lodge of Elks. The first part of the programme consisted of the singing of a number of Christmas carols by the Choral Society. The singing was excellent and the songs well chosen. The exercises began promptly at 9 o'clock, when the lights on the tree were switched on. The tree, standing high on the west balcony of the old Market House in Market Square, was beautifully lighted with many colored lights surmounted by a single white star.

The tree will stand in the center of the city for the rest of the week, appropriate exercises being held each night.

MAY ADDRESS CONGRESS ON SUBJECT OF IMPENDING DEFICIT

Wilson and Cabinet Considering the Problem Already.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Various plans suggested for meeting the deficit it is admitted the government will face at the end of the next fiscal year, are being considered by President Wilson and his cabinet, and it was said today that the President might decide to address Congress on the subject as soon as he made up his mind as to how the revenues should be raied

Members of the House Ways and Means committee already have discussed the problem with Secretary McAdoo and other administration officials. The committee will take it up formally after the holidays.

JEWISH CONGRESS TO MEET AT WASHINGTON

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suggested, however, that it would be better for him and Louis Marshall, candidate of the faction opposed to Mr. Kraus, to step aside in the interest of harmony. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise then nominated Mr. Straus whose election was made unanimous.

The committee divided on the question of placing the subject of constructive relief to Jews abroad on the programme of the congress.

An amendment was carried that "it was deemed advisable to place on the agenda of the congress the subject of the economic re-construction of the Jewish communicaties in the war zone".

A STATE CONTROLS PRICES.

No Manipulation of Food Costs in New South Wales.

(New York Tribune.)

If New York should experiment with the Australian system of state and municipal regulation of food commodities there would be a substantial and immediate downward trend in the cost of living, in the opinion of P. E. Quinn, commissioner representing the government of New South Wales, in this city.

The housewife in Sydney pays thirty-six cents a pound for butter, and knows that there can be no fluctuation from that rate without the permission of the government. In this city the housewife reads today quotations of forty-one cents for butter, hoping that it will not jump a nickel a pound through the night.

Purchasers of cheese in Sidney pay only sixteen, fourteen or twelve cents a pound, because the government has ordered recently a reduction of five cents on this popular dairy product. Whole milk cheese brings twenty-four and one-half cents a pound in New York, a flat increase of eight cents over the quotations in November, 1915. In the large cities of the antipodes eggs are selling around twenty-five cents a dozen. Here storekeepers get as high as fifty-seven cents retail.

"Australia recognizes that the only way to prevent the undue increase of food prices is adequate regulation," said Mr. Quinn.

"In Australia we believe that a government which cannot control the market quotations on food necessities for the benefit of its people is not living up to its obligations as a democracy.

"Although our commonwealth is passing through the abnormal period of war stress, when food prices tend to rise, the people of Australia are getting their food staples much cheaper than the inhabitants of New York."

New South Wales has a state bakery which furnishes a 2-pound (32-ounce) loaf of bread for seven cents. The master bakers of Brooklyn held a meeting a few days ago to consider a plan to sell a 27-ounce loaf for fifteen cents.

Mr. Quinn clinched his argument in favor of the Australian housewife by saying that she bought for five cents a 3,000-yard spool of thread—just three times as large as the spool offered for the same price in New York.

"This illustration is all the more remarkable," he added, "when you consider that Australia grows no cotton and that the nickel paid for a spool in Sydney includes cost of transportation from England or America and a profit to the retailer. It almost looks as though the people in this country enjoy getting stung."

To show what municipal regulation can do, Mr. Quinn mentioned the city owned trawlers, cold storage plants and distributing depots in Sydney, which have reduced the price of fish to the consumer and taken this food staple out of the hands of a group of speculators formerly known as the "fish ring." The government of Victoria has erected large cold storage chambers to aid in regulating the price of frozen meat in the interest of the farmers and exporters.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 25.—A bomb was found near Governor William Spry's residence today. It was uncovered by R. F. Neslen as he was sweeping a path through the snow between his own residence and that of the governor. Examination of the bomb by the sheriff and state chemist showed that it contained enough explosive materials to have blown both houses to pieces had it exploded.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Conductor S. A. Rudder, on the Blue Ridge & Atlanta accommodation train, was perhaps fatally cut during a row on his train at Black Wells, Ga., last night by a drunken crowd. Rudder was taken to Blue Ridge, Ga., from which place he was conveyed by a special train to a hospital in Atlanta.

London, Dec. 25.—The newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London. It is understood that the marriage is not to take place immediately.

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WANTED—BY JANUARY THE 1ST, 1917, sawyer for band mill, capacity 50,000 feet. Must be quick and knew his business. Wanted also one first class locomotive engineer who is also a good locomotive machinist and can keep engine in good condition. Don't apply unless you are thoroughly capable. Wanted to contract with reliable and experienced parties to cut and log 10 million feet of pine timber, equipment furnished. Only reliable parties who can guarantee to complete contract need apply. Write quick to Dell Lumber Co., care Morning Star, Wilmington, N. C. de 23-24-26-28-4t

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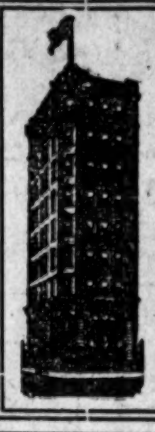
LOST — DURING HOLIDAYS, ONE pair new grey kid gloves and society pin, set with 21 pearls; has Greek letters. Finder please return to Star office and owner will pay reward. de26-1t



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AMERICAN RAILROADS REACH PROSPERITY'S PEAK IN OPERATIONS

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ly 30 per cent; for Eastern and Southern roads, 29 per cent; for Western roads, 32 per cent. Western roads also led those of all other sections in the amount of taxes paid, $71,263,601, with Eastern roads second with $62,448,341. The annual taxes of Southern roads is placed at $21,923,604.

More Travel Than Ever.

The figures show that the American people are traveling more and farther than ever before—at least on American railways. Beginning with $49,005,917 in January, the public's monthly passenger fare rose more than 40 per cent, to $70,000,000, slightly surpassing this figure in the holiday months of July and August. Officials assert that passenger receipts for the remaining three months probably will fall below those of September, but normal increases in other revenues are expected to compensate for this loss.

Total receipts for the year, it is expected, will aggregate about $700,000. Notwithstanding the enormous volume of business handled and the resultant new high level in net income, officials declare that the car shortage situation has seriously handicapped the roads in recent months and that, were it not for this and the congestion in the East, the roads would show still greater revenues and income.

Figures From Southern Roads.

The monthly receipts from all operating sources on Southern roads, unlike those of Eastern and Western roads, remained fairly stationary during the nine months for which complete returns are available. An increase of 10 per cent, between January and September is shown as against a 25 per cent. increase for the entire country. High water mark in gross receipts of Southern railways was reached in March, when a total of $44,776,063 was recorded. Receipts from the carriage of freight were the main source of revenue, with a total for the nine months of $250,643,496. Passenger receipts contributed, $71,226,947 to the total of $380,-551,084.

The chief items of operating expense for the nine months on Southern roads were maintenance of way, $47,-250.40; maintenance of equipment, $70,-524,205; transportation, $113,990,717; traffic, $8,669,253; miscellaneous operations, $1,970,195; general expenses, $9,-758,669. The total operating expenses for the nine months' period were $251,-288,916. These figures include only roads having an annual income of more than $1,000,000.

Net Income for Year.

Using these figures as a basis, it is estimated that gross receipts for the year on Southern roads will be approximately $507,899,061, and operating expenses $336,540,876, leaving net revenue from operations of $171,358,185.

With the annual taxes of $21,923,604 and uncollectible revenue amounting to $152,570 deducted, the net income for the year would be $149,282,011.

Taxes, the compilation shows, are on the increase, rising from $1,758,862 in January to $1,930,024, the highest, in September.

Maintenance of way cost showed an increase out of all proportion to the slow growth of total receipts. The high level of $6,124,084 was reached in September, the increase during the nine months being approximately 35 per cent.

Passenger receipts on Southern roads kept pace with the conservative increase in other lines of revenue.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Police records tonight showed there were 65 accidents in New Orleans during the Christmas holidays. Only eight of the accidents resulted directly from fireworks celebrations. Strict police records were kept of such accidents and they show the lowest of any kept, in many years.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Tom Cowler, the English heavyweight, outpointed Gunboat Smith in a fast ten-round boxing match here this afternoon. Cowler hao the advantage in eight rounds. Cowler weighed 207 and Smith 183.

Official War Statements

London, Dec. 26.—The official statement from British headquarters last night reads:

"In successful raids during the night (Sunday) against the enemy's trenches west of Angres and east of Armentieres, we took a number of prisoners. The enemy this morning (Monday) exploded a camouflet south of St. Eloi. The damage was slight.

"There has been considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day along our front north of the Somme where the enemy defenses and headquarters were systematically shelled by us. Much damage was done to the enemy defenses. Elsewhere the usual artillery activity continued, being most marked in the neighborhood of Ypres and also south of Armentiers, where we bombarded the buildings occupied by the enemy in the rear of his lines."

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S PEACE NOTE

Petrograd, Dec. 26. — The first expression of Russia's official attitude toward President Wilson's note was obtained by The Associated Press today in the form of the following statement emanating from a high official source, and approved by the foreign office.

"We pay tribute to the humanitarian motives which actuated President Wilson in turning to the warring nations with the wish to conclude peace. The motives are not foreign to us.

"The initiative of Russia in the domain of peace conferences which would have placed a limitation upon destructive wars has always met with opposition from Germany. We were the defenders of peace in 1914 to the very last moment, when Germany declared war on us.

"We also understood to what extent war reacts on the interest of neutrals, principally on account of the manner in which it is being conducted by our enemies. But we cannot help keeping in view the fact that the American declaration was made almost simultaneously with the German one.

"In its true sense the German offer is now known to all. Germany considers herself a victor, and thinks to dictate to us terms of peace. Under such conditions, the beginning of peace negotiations with Germany would signify our acknowledgment of such a belief. We are not vanquished, and cannot, therefore, make acknowledgment of defeat. We deeply believe in the triumph of right and justice for which we are fighting, and when this will prevail then will come the time for sincere peace negotiations."

WILSON HAS "ALL AMERICAN" DINNER

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America, Elks, National Guard and other organizations distributed baskets of food, toys and clothing to thousands of poor families while dinners for the poor were given by church missions and political and civic societies. Many police stations which had been turned into storehouses for gifts intended for poor children continued their work of distribution late into the night.

A Christmas tree in one of the missions along the water front was literally covered with neck-ties for seafaring men assembled here from all parts of the world.

New York, Dec. 25.—The steamsip Maryland was reported sinking late tonight in latitude 39, longitude 67. A wireless message picked up here said that the engine room was rapidly being flooded and asked that aid be sent to the vessel immediately.

Atlanta, Ga., December 25. — A total of 152 cases had been docketed at police stations by 5 o'clock tonight, which according to figures given out there brings total arrests for 1916 up to approximately 17,000, or about 1,000 more than during 1915.

WANTED — PINE TAR, GUM THUS, and crude turpentine. Write or call on North Carolina Naval Stores Co.; 408 Maffitt's Marine Wireless Bldg., Wilmington, N. C. de17-tf

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